

**Members Present:** Councilmembers Earle Stuard, Curt Brown, Charla Neumann

**Staff Present:** Mike Dahlem, Michael Kosa, Alisa O'Haver-Ayala, Robert Wright, Courtney Littrell, Drew McCarty, Kelsey White

The meeting convened at 4:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

**Main & Wood Intersection Improvements – Construction Contract Award**

Assistant Engineer Littrell stated the Main and Wood intersection is the oldest intersection within the City of Sumner. This intersection needs major improvements to allow for improved pedestrian access as well as vehicle traffic improvements. With this intersection upgrade, overhead utilities will be relocated underground, and the intersection will be raised to provide additional safety to pedestrians. Bike lanes will also be constructed along Wood Avenue just north and south of the Main Street crossing, as well as the addition of significant ADA upgrades to the intersection with new sidewalks and curb ramps. Ten (10) bids were received on November 15, 2022 for this project. The lowest responsible bidder was submitted by R. W. Scott Construction, Co., with a bid amount of \$2,084,552.19. The engineer's estimate was \$2,245,171.80. The contractor will have one hundred (100) working days to complete the project. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

**Ordinance No. 2840: Updating SMC 13.36.060**

Environmental Sustainability and Environmental Specialist Wright stated SMC 13.36.060 outlines a stormwater discount for private businesses that have a valid NPDES permit. Previously, the discount was given solely to facilities with an individualized NPDES permit due to the strict requirements they have. Sumner Municipal Code 13.36.060 outlines a stormwater discount for private businesses that have a valid NPDES permit. Upon reviewing the code, it was noted that there lacked clarity on whether facilities with a more general permit also met the requirements of this discount. Staff determined these facilities would meet the conditions of the discount if the general permit was valid, in good standing, and wholly covers the facility. This code update is to both add that clarity and add an application process to verify the validity and standing of the permits annually. During the next rate study, staff plan to evaluate the percentage associated with this discount and potentially adjust the percentage to ensure it accurately reflects the benefit permitted facilities provide to the stormwater utility. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

**Stormwater NPDES Permit Update**

Environmental Sustainability Specialist Wright shared a presentation on the upcoming changes to the Municipal NPDES permit. Please see the attached presentation for details. *Informational only*

**Dig Once Ordinance No. 2843**

City Engineer Kosa stated staff is recommending that the City establish a policy regarding the installation of franchise utilities to reduce construction impacts. Currently, utilities are not encouraged to combine efforts when installing underground infrastructure, which leads to overlapping projects. This causes construction inconvenience to residents, does not make effective use of infrastructure funds, and results in extra and unneeded pavement cuts to install critical utilities. The "dig once" policy streamlines the installation of new infrastructure, encourages purveyors to coordinate and share costs, installs fiber optic infrastructure for future City use, and ensures our roadways are impacted in a reduced way.

*“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

**Small Works Projects – Close Out & Discussion**

PW Director Dahlem briefed the Committee on Public Works Small Works projects that have been completely over the last year or two. *Informational Only*

Associate Engineer O'Haver-Ayala briefed the committee on the status of the Town Center Utility and Woonerf Project.

Adjournment 5:00pm