

Minutes of the Public Hearing regarding the West End Curb and Gutter Project held before the City Council of Buffalo Iowa held June 1, 2007.

Mayor John Carson called the public hearing to order at 7 pm. Present were Councilmembers Gina Guizar, Christine Carson, Mitch Greer, Judy Hammons, and Dana Jo Smith. Also present were Director of Public Works Dwain Bollman, Police Officer Terry Ferkel, City Engineer Leo Foley, and City Clerk Bill Bowers.

Hammons and Foley explained the project scope. Curb, gutter, and storm sewers are to be constructed on Chestnut, Elm, Oak, and Maple Streets. The project is sized such that future additions to the storm sewer will be possible.

Six (6) construction bids were received and the low bidder was Alliance at \$569,142. The engineers estimate for the project was \$446,000 making the lowest bid \$123,000 over budget and \$147,000 over funds available.

Foley explained the reasons the engineers estimate was low and reviewed options for the city to consider.

1. Accept the bids as is and build the project.
2. Issue a change order to Alliance and reduce the rock base under the curb and road which will result in a \$55,000 savings.
3. Reduce the scope and re-bid the project.

Bollman stated that we would not like to reduce the rock base as it may cause problems in the future.

Further discussions continued between council, staff, and members of the audience.

Mayor Carson adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

William Bowers
City Clerk