



City Council Meeting – April 1, 2019 Staff Responses to Council Questions

Before each Committee of the Whole or City Council meeting, questions that have been posed by the City Council relating to the agenda for that evening will be posted to the City's website. Below are the responses to this week's questions.

Agenda Item 10. Municipal Bills for Payment

1) American Legion Post 75, \$640.00

Q: What was the special event that used the American Legion Post?

A: The Art Guild (a sub-committee of the Cultural Arts Commission) is participating in the Second Annual Fox River Arts Ramble. The Arts Ramble is a two day, self-guided art tour from Aurora to Elgin scheduled for Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14 from 10am to 5pm. There are near to 50 participants including other Geneva stops. A link to the web page is provided: <https://www.foxriverarts.com/>

2) Gaido & Fintzen, \$2,687.50

Q: What were the SEMP Legal Exp (\$1875) and Legal Expense (\$812.50) for and why were they not included in the flat fee agreement?

A: The retainer agreement specifies those types of items that are covered and an hourly rate for those items not covered (such as, purchase/sale of property, annexations, and other non-routine items). As stated previously (see 12-17-18 CC packet questions), the details regarding these expenses are covered under the attorney/client privilege and therefore the detail is not published. Should a member of the City Council require additional information they may contact the City Administrator.

3) Burns & McDonnell, \$1,977.50

Q: What is this check for?

A: The check was lost and needed to be reissued. We first attempted to reach the vendor by letter to no avail. We recently called the vendor to determine if in fact the check had been lost. It took some time because it is a stormwater refund for NICOR which B&M paid for on their behalf.

Agenda Item 11. Committee of the Whole Items of Business

b) Approve Resolution No. 2019-29 Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Nashnal Soil Testing, LLC in the Amount of \$25,122.00 for 2019 Construction Material Testing and Geotechnical Services.

Q: I feel like the testing of construction materials for quality assurance should occur from the manufacturer, prior to sale of materials. Can you please elaborate on what this means/what this is for?

A: Because we use IDOT specifications, there are numerous quality assurance/quality control tests taken along the way before the various materials are used on construction projects. Stones are tested at the quarries before

shipping to the asphalt/concrete plants, and then they are tested again at the asphalt/concrete plants before the ingredients are mixed together. The bituminous asphalt, cement, and water are all tested as well. IDOT handles those tests as a part of their program to certify material suppliers, and we only accept materials from IDOT certified plants. The various load tickets that we receive on the construction sites for the materials being trucked in, all have to indicate that the materials are IDOT certified. The finished asphalt/concrete is again tested after they are installed by the contractor and those are the tests that our geotechnical consultant completes on our behalf.

- c) **Approve Resolution No. 2019-30 Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Strada Construction in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000.00 for 2019 Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Project.**

Q: Can you please define "Detectable Warnings" (page 54 of packet).

A: In a broad sense, the detectable warnings are the ADA compliant sidewalk ramps that are installed at intersections. In a more narrow sense, the detectable warnings are the square/rectangular resin panels that are typically rust colored with the protruding bumps that are installed to notify a pedestrian with visual deficiencies that they are approaching a drive lane. The rust/red/yellow resin panel colors are used to make them stand out from the concrete color, and the bumps create a feel for those pedestrians using a cane as opposed to the smoothness of the concrete.