

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL**

**AMES, IOWA**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

The Ames City Council met in special session at 4:02 p.m. on the 5th day of November, 2014, in Conference Room 235 in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, pursuant to law with Mayor Ann Campbell presiding in person. Since it was impractical for all Council members to attend in person, Council Members Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, Matthew Goodman, Chris Nelson, and Peter Orazem were brought in telephonically. Council Member Gloria Betcher and *ex-Officio* Member Lissandra Villa were absent.

**CONTRACT FOR NATURAL GAS CONVERSION EQUIPMENT:** Electric Services Assistant Director Brian Trower explained that action was necessary for the procurement of natural gas burners, igniters, and scanners, plus boiler/furnace modeling to assess the necessity for boiler modifications.

Mr. Trower reminded the City Council that it had, on November 12, 2013, decided to convert the City's Power Plant from coal to natural gas. The conversion project is required to meet future Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) air quality regulations for electric generating power plants. The major phases of work necessary to complete the conversion project were outlined by Assistant Director Trower. He also highlighted the other significant work that must be accomplished.

According to Mr. Trower, bid documents for this project were issued to 13 firms. Bids were received from three companies by the bid due date of October 7. Assistant Director Trower summarized the three bids received: Alstom Power Inc.; Riley Power, Inc.; and Babcock & Wilcox Power Generation Group, Inc.

Assistant Director Trower reported that Alstom Power Inc., was the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) for Unit 7 and Babcock & Wilcox Power Generation Group was the OEM for Unit 8.

Mr. Trower advised that City staff had worked with the engineering firm Sargent & Lundy to perform an extensive evaluation of the bids; after which, Alstom Power Inc., of Windsor, CT, was determined to be the preferred bidder on the basis of emissions guarantees and overall price. According to Mr. Trower, it is staff's intention to have this back before the Council on November 10, 2014, for approval of contract and the performance bond.

Council Member Goodman asked what would happen if the project schedule does not go as anticipated. Mr. Trower replied that Alstom Power has a Performance Guarantee to ensure completion; there would be liquidated damages. According to Mr. Trower, staff is confident that will not be an issue. The Performance Bond will be in the amount of the entire contract: \$3,355,300.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 14-574 awarding a contract to Alstom Power Inc., of Windsor, CT, for Natural Gas Conversion Equipment, including Burners, Igniters, Scanners, Thermal Analysis, and Computer Modeling in the amount of \$3,355,300.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby

made a portion of these Minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Goodman, seconded by Corrieri, to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m.  
Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

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Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

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Ann H. Campbell, Mayor