

Contract No. 555—Dresden, 7 Mile to Pinewood.

Contract No. PW-556 — Sawyer, Westwood to Grandville.

The tabulation of bids received on each contract is attached hereto.

The low bids are regular and in all cases, except for Contract PW-544, the amount of the proposal plus the required additional funds is within the City Engineer's estimate for the same items. The low bid on Contract PW-544 is approximately 3% above the City Engineer's estimate for the same items. However, it does not appear that lower bids would result from readvertising at this time. No bid was received on Contract PW-547, and this street will be readvertised as part of the next group.

Listed below is the recommended bidder, amount of bid, total funds required, and the account number to which the costs for each contract are to be charged. The "total funds required" include the costs for advertising, inspection, and minor contingencies, as well as the contract cost.

Contract No. PW-544, Julius Porath & Son Co., amt. of bid \$36,106.05, total funds required \$37,275.00, Acct. No. 911-2190-1335.

Contract No. PW-549, Julius Porath & Son Co., amt. of bid \$9,684.95, total funds required \$10,025.00, Acct. No. 911-2190-1338.

Contract No. PW-545, Denton Construction Co., amt. of bid \$24,197.35, total funds required \$25,025.00, Acct. No. 911-2190-1336.

Contract No. PW-548, L. M. Cooper, amt. of bid \$10,611.14, total funds required \$11,000.00, Acct. No. 911-2190-1337.

Contract No. PW-553, L. M. Cooper, amt. of bid \$7,810.42, total funds required \$8,100.00, Acct. No. 911-2190-1342.

Contract No. PW-550, Weir Contracting Co., amt. of bid \$17,477.70, total funds required \$18,125.00, Acct. No. 911-2190-1339.

Contract No. PW-552, Weir Contracting Co., amt. of bid \$35,950.25, total funds required \$37,250.00, Acct. No. 911-2190-1341.

Contract No. PW-556, Weir Contracting Co., amt. of bid \$3,252.00, total funds required \$3,375.00, Acct. No. 911-2190-1344.

Contract No. PW-551—A. J. Smith Contracting Co., amt. of bid \$9,560.90, total funds required \$9,900.00, Acct. No. 911-2190-1340.

Contract No. PW-555, A. J. Smith Contracting Co., amt. of bid \$17,442.40, total funds required \$18,075.00, Acct. No. 911-2190-1343.

It is therefore recommended that the contracts be awarded to the bidders listed above, and that the Controller be authorized and directed to set up the necessary accounts to cover the costs of these contracts and

the cost of advertising, inspection, and contingencies.

The above bids result in average unit costs per square foot as compared to the season's average as follows:

- Group 4E-1G—30-ft. width, \$5.76.
- 26-ft. width \$5.14.
- Average to date—30-ft. width \$6.00.
- 20-ft. width \$5.20.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS. C. HANSON,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Comstock:
Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with the bidders as listed above; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to honor vouchers when presented and to charge them against the accounts named in the foregoing communication, the vouchers to include the cost of advertising, inspection, and contingency items, as well as the contract costs; and be it further

Resolved, That from cash not immediately required for capital improvement appropriations, there be loaned to the special assessment revolving fund the total amount of the above approved contracts, such loan to be repaid from special assessments levied against the benefitted district or property or from the proceeds of Special Assessment Bonds payable from such special assessments.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas—Councilmen Comstock, Edgecomb, Garlick, Kronk, Oakman, Smith, and the President Pro Tem.—7.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works.

July 1, 1948

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred petition of Louis Eisensmith, et al (No. 786), requesting the conversion into an easement of the public alley south of Pembroke Avenue between Sussex and Coyle Avenues, to the Department of Public Works for investigation and report.

The vacation of this alley was previously approved and recommended by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of April 23, 1948.

We wish to advise that all of our investigations have been completed. In reply to our inquiries, all city departments and private utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the proposed change, or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioners regarding their installations therein.

The conversion of this alley into an

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Resolution conforms with Common Council resolution of November 13, 1945, J.C.C. Page 2230.
In view of the above, we recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,
THOMAS C. HANSON,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Comstock:
RESOLVED, That all of east and west public alley, 20 feet wide, south of Pembroke Ave., between Sussex and Coyle Avenues, as platted in Blackstone Park Subdivision No. 7 of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S. W $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 6, T.15., R. 11E., Greenfield Twp. Wayne County, Mich., as recorded in Liber 53 of plats, Page 65, Wayne County Records, lying south of and adjoining the south line of lots 4556 to 4567; both inclusive, and north of and adjoining the north line of lots 4555 and 4568, and north of and adjoining the north line of 18-foot north and south public easement, all lots above mentioned being the same as platted in last mentioned subdivision;

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public alley to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property subject to the following agreements, covenants, uses, reservations and regulations which shall be observed by the owners of said lots, and by their grantees and assigns, and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever, to wit:

First, said owners hereby grant to and for the use of the public an easement or right of way over said vacated public alley, hereinabove described, for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, removing or replacing any sewer, conduit, telephone, telegraph, electric light or other poles or things usually placed or installed in a public alley in the City of Detroit, with the right to ingress or egress at any time to and over said easements for the purposes above set forth;

Second, said owners for their heirs and assigns further agree that no buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever, (except necessary line fences) shall be built or placed upon said easement or any part thereof, so that said easement shall be forever of easy access for the purposes named above;

Third, that said easement shall be used for the same purposes for which public alleys are generally used in the City of Detroit, excepting the same shall not be opened for the passage of vehicles therein.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Comstock, Edgecomb, Garlick, Kronk, Oakman, Smith, and the President Pro Tem.—7.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

June 20, 1948

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—

Submitted herewith is monthly report, requested by you, showing the status of the sewer program which was approved by the Common Council on July 29, 1947.

Approximately five million dollars worth of work has been completed or is under contract. Right-of-way for the Hubbell Avenue sewer is practically assured and contracts for this sewer system should be concluded in the next several months, contingent upon available materials and labor.

The decision to divert Fox Creek to Conner Creek has necessitated a new design. It is anticipated that bids can be taken this fall, dependent upon the availability of materials and labor and the steel situation which is reported to be extremely acute at the present time.

Very Truly Yours,
G. R. THOMPSON,
City Engineer.

Received and placed on file.

Purchases and Supplies

July 6, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Recently this department advertised for proposals to furnish the City of Detroit with its requirements of Portland Cement delivered in full truck loads as required during July, August and September, 1948. No bids were received due to the scarcity of this item.

As a result of a personal solicitation direct with the manufacturers of cement, the Petoskey Portland Cement Co. arranged with the supply yard agent, John R. Fuel & Supply Co., of Detroit, to supply one-third of our estimated requirements.

This situation is similar to conditions applying to the purchase of Pocahontas Coal, Gasoline and Fuel Oil. We, therefore, respectfully request permission to place an order with the above named firm, who agrees to supply approximately 100 barrels per week for the ensuing twelve weeks at a price of \$2.95 per bbl. This price is F. O. B. delivered and is subject to adjustment.

The approval of your Honorable Body is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. G. LEWIS,
Commissioner.

Purchases and Supplies

July 6, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In response to our advertisement for proposals to furnish