

City council awards bid for fishing pier project

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CHEBOYGAN — At the Cheboygan City Council meeting Tuesday night, council members approved awarding a bid for the fishing pier project the city has been working on for over a year to Maverick Construction, Inc.

“As you see in your packet, Mr. Mayor, we did receive a number of bids on that particular project,” said Cheboygan City Manager Dan Sabolsky. “One bid by Maverick Construction for \$597,000 was underneath what our limit was for that particular project.”

Sabolsky said the City of Cheboygan did have its consultant — Bill Sanders, one of the owners of the landscape architecture firm Sanders and Czapski Associates in the Upper Peninsula — as well as the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council review the bids for the project.

After the review of the bids on the project were completed, a letter was sent to the City of Cheboygan, recommending to proceed forward with, and sign a contract with, Maverick Construction.

“They also provided the due diligence and made a number of calls to various communities, to ask how Maverick did on some projects there,” said Sabolsky. “They received a lot of favorable comments about them, so I felt comfortable enough in asking you guys to give me permission to sign that contract with Maverick Construction, and get them moving on our fishing piers.”

The construction company is hoping to get started on the project very soon.

The City of Cheboygan has received a \$308,000 grant from the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust Fund and the city also has an application in to the Michigan

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Department of Natural Resources Land Trust Fund for an additional \$300,000 to build the proposed fishing pier on the east side of the river, near Major City Park. This will tie into Major City Park and the walkways will tie into the Children's Trail.

The first phase of construction will include two fishing piers and a boardwalk.

There will also be some landscaping done in that area. Seedums Garden Club will be working with the city on this portion of the project.

Sabolsky said there were several local construction companies who had bid on the fishing pier project, in conjunction with other people. However, the local companies did not bid on the entire project, only a portion of the project. Maverick Construction had bid on the entire project.

This project has been in the works for the City of Cheboygan for over a year and the council members voted unanimously to authorize Sabolsky to move forward with entering into a contract to get the project moving forward.

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