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Janesville OKs ice rink rehab

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JANESVILLE — Members of the Junior A hockey team this summer will pick up brushes along with their hockey sticks and paint the renovated ice rink to save the city \$6,000.

The city council Tuesday OK'd spending \$200,000 for repairs and remodeling at the city's aging facility to meet North American Hockey League requirements. The league will begin play this fall.

The league requires that teams have their own locker rooms and office, and Wisconsin Hockey Partners asked the council to make the improvements.

But the size of the rehab grew as other groups that use the ice rink lobbied for improvements. It ballooned further when a well-used party room removed from original drawings to make room for the team was added back in.

City staff thought bids could be as high as \$320,000.

"We were pleasantly surprised," Mike Payne, engineering manager, said Wednesday.

The city received bids from seven companies, "which is a lot of interest. I think it is a very favorable bidding climate right now."

The council awarded the bid to Corporate Contractors of Beloit.

Items approved include:

- A locker room for the Junior A hockey team.
- Painting and reflooring the warming room.
- A new party room created by enclosing an overhang at the end of the building.

- Storage for city staff, other user groups and the Junior A hockey team.
- A concession stand designated for beer sales.
- An office for the Junior A hockey team manager.

The \$200,000 includes:

- \$166,847—Base bid.
- \$2,500—Skate-resistant flooring the city will buy from a local supplier.
- \$2,000—Asbestos removal.
- \$2,000—Benches and paint in the Junior A hockey team locker room.
- \$5,400—Cabinets and counters in the youth hockey league concession stand.
- \$4,400—Heating system for an unheated bleacher section.

The remaining money will be a contingency fund.

To reduce the total to \$200,000, the council deleted items, including cabinets and counters for the national hockey league concession stand, special shelving for rental skates and heating in existing locker rooms.