

MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mel Schaefer at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Jeff Bertram, Matt Quade, Dave Peschong, and Keith Hemmesch. Advisory members present were Ron Mergen and Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Motion was made by Peschong to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2012 Public Works Committee meeting. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

IRRIGATION LAND

Members were informed that the City has been contacted by a realtor and the property west of pivot 17 is for sale. The need for additional property was discussed and it was noted that the City doesn't need any additional land at this time.

Motion was made by Hemmesch to not pursue any land purchase at this time and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

WATER PLANT REHAB

A letter was presented to members explaining the scope of the project and the design engineering cost of \$121,000.00 which members noted as being very reasonable. The project was outlined as follows:

- Filter media and equipment replacement
- Clear well construction; this has several purposes, provide additional storage and then the back wash water will be pumped from this tank to alleviate the pressure fluctuations that exist.
- Back wash reclaim tank; the City currently discharges 28,000 gallons per day of back wash water to the ponds each day, this will save 90% or 9.2 million gallons per year.
- Chemical feed system; each well will have its own dedication feed system per state code.
- Electrical and control system; all the controls that exist have been having issues which will be upgraded along with a SCADA system.
- Standby power unit.

Also presented was a proposed water rate schedule that utilizes \$1 million dollars from the water reserves and transfer \$50,000.00 from the equipment and CIP transfer line items in the water fund. It was noted that the City has been raising the rates for this project the last several years and in the equipment replacement fund a large portion of it is for replacement of the equipment in the water plant that is proposed to be upgraded. The proposed rate increase would be 10 cents per year for 5 years or a monthly increase of \$3.32 per month.

Motion was made by Hemmesch to approve Bolton & Menk to proceed with the design engineering and adopt the rate schedule utilizing the \$1 million dollars

from water reserves and transferring the \$50,000.00 from the CIP and equipment line items and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

WASTE WATER RE-SCOPING PROJECT

DeWolf reported that the loan documents have been signed and construction has started.

POND FENCING

Several types of fencing options were presented:

- 4' Chain link fence with round galvanized posts at a cost of \$35,307.00, deduct \$4,025.00 to replace top rail with tension wire.
- Woven wire fence with 2 strands of barb wire with wooden posts. \$20,350.00
- From Bemboom Fence - chain link fence with Tee posts \$24,800.00

Members discussed the fencing noting the wooden posts will someday rot and need replacement; the tee posts will be significantly less costly than the round posts. It was also noted that members felt the east side (bank) does not need to be fenced.

Motion was made by Quade to accept the quote from Bemboom Fence to install the 4' chain link fence with Tee posts at an estimated cost \$20,000.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Hemmesch and unanimously carried.

HWY. 55 & 181 IMPROVEMENTS

DeWolf reported that the plans have been approved by the District and are now being forwarded to the Central Office. The issue is it will be too late in the year to bid the job; however, the funds have been secured. All members concurred to wait for spring bidding.

MPCA - FORMER MID TOWN SERVICE STATION

It was mentioned that the presentation from the USGS is scheduled for October 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The response letter from MPCA to Senator Fischbach was also discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.