

MINUTES

COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Special Called Meeting

Thursday, March 24th, 2016 – 5:30 PM

Administrative Conference Room at City Hall

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Vice Chair, Council Member
Jim Fatland, City Manager
David Lutz, Public Works Director
Emory Owen, Wastewater Treatment Plant ORC
Dennis Richardson, Water Treatment Plant ORC

Members Absent: Mac Morrow, Chair, Council Member

Others: Ray McCall, Consultant
Harlow Brown, Brown Consultants
Jeffrey Brown, Brown Consultants

1. Welcome & Call to Order

M. Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Introductions

All present knew each other.

3. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified.

4. Review of Minutes

Minutes of 1/7/16 were unanimously approved without correction.

5. Public Works

a. Job Corps Discussion

The Committee discussed the 20 year contract with Job Corps that ended in January 2016. Schenk Job Corps is requesting an additional 40 year contract with the City. Brown Consultants recommended against entering into a new contract given the current state of

the system and the liability inherent in it. The Committee decided that H. Brown would draft two letters. One letter would address the immediate issue of the broken pump. The City would ask them to either supply an adequate pump replacement or pay a 25,000 dollar charge to their next water bill, which the City would use to replace the pump with an adequate one. The second letter will address the issues in the future contract. That letter will contain 2 choices: 1) that Schenk Job Corps set up a system independent of the City (which does not put increasing burdens on the City pumps) or (2) that they negotiate a contract which the City deems fair. One of the two options must be chosen within 60 days or the City will no longer work with Schenk Job Corps and will charge Schenk accordingly. These letters will be sent to Linda Randolph and copied to Barry Jones. The City Manager will send an email in advance.

6. Water Treatment Plant

a. Budget Discussion

D. Richardson discussed his need for a new SCADA System in the upcoming budget. Different payment options were discussed including grants. He also mentioned that the Research Institute had mentioned building an off stream storage pond to prevent the buildup clogging the Water Treatment Plant intake. They had mentioned that they could likely find 75% of the funding for such a project. M. Jones asked that he look into it further and have Charles Anderson present the project formally at an upcoming meeting.

7. Wastewater Treatment Plant

a. Budget Discussion

H. Brown informed the Committee that the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades would not be complete for the end of this year's budget and would need rebudgeting. E. Owen gave a brief report that the WWTP is in its 5th month of compliance. He stated that he is working towards using less of the costly chemicals he has been using. The Committee discussed the cost incurred when the landfill takes the WWTP sludge and the possibility of finding an alternative.

8. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting date will be discussed at a later time.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM on Thursday, March 24th, 2016.

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Mac Morrow
Council Member, Chair

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Kerry Lindsay
Secretary