

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen and Becky Williams. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR SHERMAN PLACE SANITARY SEWER

Ms. Godsey reported that the apparent low bidder for the Sherman Place Sanitary Sewer project was Edward Kelly & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$140,014. The project includes 900' of sanitary sewer line replacement, upsizing from 6" to 8", and includes three manholes. Sixteen homes will be affected. Ms. Godsey said that we have worked with Edward Kelly & Sons on other projects, and Feller and Finch checked their references and there were no problems. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$172,000. Ms. Williams clarified that this area already has separated sewers, and Ms. Godsey said that they do. Mr. Smith asked if this will help with any of the issues raised in the AECOM study. Ms. Godsey said that there could be some infiltration because of tree roots, but the main purpose is because the homeowners in the area are having issues. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the contract with Edward Kelly & Sons for the Sherman Place sanitary sewer replacement.

SUMMARY OF AECOM SSO REPORT

Ms. Godsey reviewed the executive summary of the AECOM SSO Report. She reviewed each of the five options to eliminate the SSO. Four of the options include building a parallel sewer along Grassy Creek, but Ms. Godsey explained that it would be a challenge because of the lack of easements and the proximity to homes. The cost of those four options range from \$3.8 million to \$8.5 million dollars and they would all reduce the flow below the emergency action level. The fifth alternative takes a different approach and has a much lower capital cost. In this option, it still calls for lining the existing Grassy Creek Interceptor, and includes 600' of 12" gravity relief sewer east of Maple Street, and a proposed portable pump tie-in at Maple Street and the Grassy Creek Interceptor. In this scenario, when we hit the activation level, our crews would bring in a new portable pump with a capacity of over five million gallons per day. There would be a quick connect but instead of pumping into the creek like we do now, it would pump the flow into a force main to carry the flow downstream into a sewer that has the capacity to handle it. The estimated cost for this option is \$1.5 million dollars. Ms. Godsey said that the advantages of this option are that we save the capital costs of putting in a permanent lift station and we save the challenges of running a parallel relief sewer. Ms. Godsey said that this option could also be brought online much faster. Mr. VanHoozen asked what kind of timeline we are in. Ms. Godsey said that we have to eliminate the SSO within five years of our NPDES permit. Ms. Kabat said that the permit is dated September 1, 2017 and it is good for five years. We have to eliminate the SSO and our goal is to reduce the CSO's. Ms. Williams

asked if this option has been approved by the EPA. Ms. Godsey said that we have not presented it to them yet. Ms. Williams asked how soon the Administration would like to take action on this. Ms. Kabat said that the next step is to get the full report from AECOM and then go to the EPA.

2018 BUDGET

Ms. Kabat asked if the Committee had any additional questions about the 2018 budget. There was discussion regarding the fencing around the Fort Meigs ditch area. Ms. Kabat explained that several staff members sat down and went fence by fence considering safety of pedestrians, cars, runners, and bicyclists, as well as vandalism, durability and maintenance. She said that she can have the staff that helped choose the proposed fencing at the next committee meeting to explain their choice.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Godsey requested permission to advertise for bids for the cold storage building addition at the Department of Public Utilities pending approval of the site plan by the Planning Commission. She said the addition is 6,000 square feet and there is \$300,000 in the 2017 budget for construction. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of advertising for bids.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.