

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

AUGUST 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were: Haraz N. Ghanbari, Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

REPORT ON 12309 ECKEL JUNCTION ROAD

Ms. Godsey gave the Committee an update on the sewer bill for 12309 Eckel Junction Road that was discussed at the last meeting. She said that according to Planning and Zoning Division records, the house was demolished November 1, 2014. Ms. Godsey contacted Paul Eckel, the previous owner, and told him that we will issue a refund back to that date within seven to ten days. Mr. Eckel was satisfied with that outcome.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF REPLACEMENT SERVER AND PROGRAMMING AT EAST BOUNDARY WATER PUMP STATION

Ms. Godsey requested approval of a contract with Bergren Associates in the amount of \$24,900 for a replacement server and programming for the SCADA monitoring system at the East Boundary pump station. The existing server is 15 years old and uses old software. There is new technology available that allows the operators to monitor the system from anywhere with an internet connection and will allow them to respond to emergencies in a timely manner. Mr. Ghanbari asked how many pump stations there are. Ms. Godsey said there are the East Boundary and South Boundary pump stations. Mr. Ghanbari asked about the condition of the server at the South Boundary pump station. Ms. Godsey said it is roughly the same age. Mr. Ghanbari asked if there is any cost savings in doing both at the same time. Ms. Kabat said that she believes we are paying some of the upfront costs for both with this contract. Mr. Ghanbari asked if we looked at other companies. Ms. Kabat said that Bergren is the sole supplier of the Maple technology that will be used. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of this purchase.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – DISSOLVED OXYGEN PROJECT AT WWTP

Ms. Godsey requested permission to go out to bid for a dissolved oxygen project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ms. Godsey explained that this needs to be done as part of the NPDES permit that was issued last year. Construction costs are estimated to be \$250,000. Ms. Godsey explained that there will need to be some construction in the UV chamber which is required to be used March 1 through November 30, so once it's down, we want to get moving on construction. The Committee agreed 3-0 to approve the request to advertise for bids.

PRESENTATION OF PHASE II WATER SOURCE EVALUATION STUDY FOR WOOD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Jack Jones of Poggemeyer Design Group was present to give a PowerPoint presentation regarding a study that they were hired to perform after the algae bloom incident with the water from Toledo several years ago. Mr. Jones said that the purposes of Phase One of the study were: to protect the economic development interest of Wood County and its citizens that are currently served public water produced by the City of Toledo, and to determine if feasible alternatives are available to serve Wood County customers currently supplied with Toledo water and if so, are the alternatives cost effective, and can they be physically and politically achieved. He said that they evaluated the Bowling Green WTP, the Bayshore Power Plant WTP, and a Maumee River WTP at various intake locations. He said that the most feasible alternative was a Bowling Green water supply. The Wood County Economic Development Commission then asked them to do a Phase Two study to refine concepts and probable capital and operating costs based on a Bowling Green source supply and including the City of Maumee service area along with Perrysburg and the Northwestern Water and Sewer District. Mr. Jones said that their study found that the District, Perrysburg, and Maumee have a potential cost-effective alternative to Toledo water if developed jointly with a Bowling Green WTP expansion.

Jim Hagen, 10741 Avenue Road, asked if it is feasible to recycle water we use from the Wastewater Treatment Plant and storm water. Mr. Jones said that it is technologically feasible; it is more of a psychological issue. He said that it is done in some locations but the water is used only for irrigation purposes. The Committee thanked Mr. Jones for his presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. which is a change from the regular date and time.