

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

JULY 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen, and Mark Weber. Also present were Laura Alkire, Law Director, and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR WWTP DEWATERING IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Godsey requested approval of a contract with Jones and Henry for engineering services for the design of dewatering improvements at the wastewater treatment plant. She said that there are two belt presses. The one from 1992 has been overhauled but needs to be rehabbed. The 1990 press is in bad shape. The plan is to replace the 1990 unit and once it is online, then rehab the 1992 unit. Mr. Smith asked how many firms submitted bids. Ms. Godsey explained that Jones and Henry was chosen through the RFQ process. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the contract.

AMEND JDI GROUP ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES

Ms. Godsey stated that she came to the committee in December to get approval for a contract with JDI Group for architectural design services for building renovations at 211 East Boundary Street. To accommodate the needs of the Utilities Department, they have found that they will need to bump out a wall to expand the footprint. Ms. Godsey requested approval of an amendment to the agreement with JDI Group in the amount of \$22,700. She said that the addition will not go out further than the current furthest wall out. The Committee had questions about the amount of the increased square footage and the estimated amount of the total project. Mr. VanHoozen said that he is okay with moving this on to City Council because they will have other opportunities if they want to stop the project. Ms. Godsey said that she will email the committee the information requested. The Committee agreed 3-0 to conditionally approve the contract amendment.

AMEND AGREEMENT WITH B, S AND A FOR CASH RECEIPTING MODULE

Ms. Godsey explained that a cash receipting module needed for the Water and Sewer Billing Office was inadvertently omitted from the contract with B, S and A for new billing software. Ms. Godsey said that the vendor took responsibility for the oversight and are offering us a discount on the cost. Ms. Godsey said the cost of the module is \$9,580 with an annual fee of \$2,130 which will not be due until the third quarter of 2020. Mr. Smith asked how much the discount was. Ms. Godsey said the original cost is \$10,000. Mr. Weber asked when we will be going to paperless billing. Ms. Godsey said that they would like to get comfortable with the new software before making that change. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the amendment with B, S and A.

AUTHORIZE OPWC FUNDING APPLICATION FOR FY 2020 WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Ms. Godsey requested permission to apply for a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the replacement of waterlines in the alleys between Sixth and Indiana, Cherry to Hickory, and Cherry to Louisiana. She said that 4" cast iron lines will be replaced with 8" PVC lines. She said that she will be requesting a grant in the amount of \$175,000

which is the lowest amount of grant you can request so you get the highest number of points. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the grant application.

WATER OPTIONS UPDATRE

Ms. Alkire said that she received the agreement from the City of Toledo, and she will be sending it out to City Council as a privileged communication, so she asked that City Council keep it confidential because it is a work in progress. The Committee discussed the next step but decided that they would hold off on scheduling a Committee of the Whole meeting until they are sure that they have the final agreement from Toledo.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weber asked about the gas line project, and Ms. Godsey said that as far as she knows, it is winding down for the year.

Mr. Weber had questions from a neighbor regarding the Grassy Creek Open House. He gave the questions to Ms. Godsey and she said that she will pass the comments along to the consultant.

There was discussion regarding Grassy Creek and the difference between a creek and a ditch.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.