

UTILITY COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 18, 2022

Brillion City Center

5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Jeff Wittman at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jeff Wittman, Vice Chair Dave Schwahn, Mary Jo Krueger, Leonard Kopidlansky, Dan Farrell, Russ Boldt, Joe Levash Council Representative
Staff: Austen Frederickson, Richard Johnston, Patty Schreiber

Guests: Pete Litersky-MCO, Paul Much-MCO, Ron Wolff-McMahon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Schwahn moved to approve the agenda. Second by Levash. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Boldt moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022 Water and Sewer Utility Meeting. Second by Krueger. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Motion: Schwahn moved to approve the Utility Vouchers as listed. Second by Farrell. All in favor. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT none

INFLOW & INFILTRATION REDUCTION/LEAD SERVICE PROJECTS

Sunrise Circle Update

Requested to pulverize this past Saturday. Frederickson did not give approval. Starting the project this week.

Proposed 2023 Project

The proposed 2023 project is Pine and Oak Street. New water main, new sewer, new road, and new mini-storms. The city is responsible for the road work. Water Service's & Sewer Lateral's will be the responsibility of the homeowner. Benefit of sending out bids early is getting a good price. Smaller project so it may be easier to schedule in between larger projects. At a staff level can find the where-with-all to get the engineering started and look at the budget as to where funding for the project can come from. Between now and budget time we need to manage where the monies will come from. The DNR had not given us any firm guidance. That information is still coming. 2024 will be a major year for lead. Requirements for lead levels and sampling will change. Not sure how limits will be set. Most grant monies available are on the homeowner side. Frederickson continues to look for grant monies.

Farrell, knowing the shape of Pine and Oak, agrees with the proposed streets of Pine and Oak.

Motion: Farrell recommends Frederickson's recommendations of Pine Street and Oak Street for next years I & I project. Seconded by Boldt.

MCO REPORT

Monthly Report

Donner rebuilt two water-controlled valves. Will be rebuilding four more. Already on the schedule. BW water and sewer connection made last week.

2024 goal is to have the lead and copper sites on the GIS. Not sure what confirmation entails.

Crane installed valve at the lift station. Only 15 left for the meter changes.

Influent Sampler

Litersky reported te pump head ontop of the sampler is very old and needs to be replaced.

Recommend the bid for \$2700. Not a budget item. Cost to repair is over 75% of a new one.

The sampling is required by permit. Possibly could come out of the equipment replacement fund.

Motion: Krueger made a motion to get the controller from Mulcahy Shaw Water for a price of \$2,752 and to use the equipment replacement fund. Seconded by Levash. All in favor. Motion carried.

2023 Meter Order

Received an email from Midwest Meter which is included in the packet. Prices have skyrocketed. The same quantity of meters in 2022 for a price of \$9,300 will cost approximately \$18,000 in 2023.

Will not receive the meters nor the invoice until January 2023. We are with Badger Meter and need to stay with Badger Meter. These meters have a 20-year life span. These are replacing leaded meters.

This information is for 2023 budgeting purposes.

Wittman asked to place on the next agenda to look at the charges involved in new utility hookups.

Motion: Levash moved to use Midwest Meter for our 2023 meters with an approximate cost of \$18,000. Seconded by Schwahn. All in favor. Motion carried.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Reed Beds

Johnston is looking at funding sources and the required engineering. Would like to do this once and do it correctly. Timing will play a part with the dryness and landfill options. Plan to bring more information to the next meeting.

Wolff cannot give a lot of assurance as he did not have a chance to discuss in depth with Kappell.

Bidding should be identical with pricing being proportional. Scheduling is important as we need this completed this fall. The engineering for the four beds is \$6,900.

To try to dry the beds ourselves would involve two mobilizations, needing the same amount of space, and need to contain the material.

Krueger requested this be a budget item annually as these need to be cleaned every seven years.

Litersky and Frederickson started work on updated the Capital Improvement Plan. Johnston will look int the budget with regards to the reed beds.

Motion: Levash moved to recommend the City Administrator be able to work with McMahon on the design stage of 4 beds and 9 beds not to exceed \$11,000. Seconded by Krueger. All in favor. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

PFA's State Sampling

State funds allow sampling for free. Do we want to test now or 2025 when the EPA requires it. If tests positive for PFA's there will be issues. DNR wants to find the source; does not necessarily hold the community accountable. If it is the well, the well will be shut down. Not sure how long the free sampling is available. If test positive not sure what the requirements will be. Much suggested if we are a member of MEG we should contact them and get their advice. Frederickson asked to contact MEG and bring the recommendations to next meeting.

Cleaning of Water Tower

Frederickson did speak to the fire chief. The fire chief feels the towers are too close to the power lines and not safe for them to clean.

Krueger reminded Litersky when we need to paint the towers the bottom part needs to be a different color in order to hide the dirt.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR No report

CLERK/TREASURER

Administrative assistant's last day was this past Friday July 15, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

BW Sewer Caps

Frederickson does not have anything to report on this.

Water Rate Case was discussed. Still in the collection of data stage.

Sewer Rate increase was requested by Farrell to be on the August agenda. The intent is to get it approved in order to include the notice with the September utility billing.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Chloride Report

Kappell requested this to be added to the agenda as a heads up. The Annual Chloride Report will be on the August agenda for review and possible approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Patricia A Schreiber
Clerk/Treasurer