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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wastewater Commission

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 207

The meeting was called to order by President Taft at 4:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7 - Natalia Taft, Stacy Sheppard, John Tate II, Terry McCarthy, Anthony Beyer, Anthony Bunkelman and Mollie Jones

EXCUSED: 4 - John Hewitt, Claude Lois, Cory Mason and Paul Vornholt

[0326-24](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the March 19, 2024, Meeting

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Vice President Tate II, seconded by Bunkelman, that this file be Approved

[0327-24](#)

Subject: Request by the Village of Caledonia for a Sanitary Sewer Extension for TID #4 Phase 4

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Wastewater Utility Director presented the sewer extension request for the TID#4, Phase 4, which serves 475 acres in the southwest corner within the Village of Caledonia. Per Sewer Agreement Section 3.3a, the Commission is required to approve all SSR party sanitary sewer extensions. The extension entails approximately 1,933 L.F. of 24" PVC, 1,809 L.F. of 15" PVC, and 1,216 L.F. of 12" PVC.

A motion was made by Beyer, seconded by Sheppard, that this file be Approved

[0328-24](#)

Subject: Communication from Wastewater Utility Director Regarding April Rain Event

Recommendation: To Receive & File

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Wastewater Utility Director along with Plant Superintendent, Mary-Frances Klimek, updated the Commission on Utility performance during an April rain event that resulted in almost 2" of rainfall received in the service area over a 4-day time span. A more detailed analysis of daily and hourly flows will be needed to assess the likelihood of peak exceedances that may have occurred, in which case the Utility will follow-up with a letter to SSR parties.

A motion was made by Vice President Tate II, seconded by Jones, that this file be Received and Filed

[0329-24](#)

Subject: Communication from Wastewater Utility Director Regarding 2024 Class II Sewer Rates

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Wastewater Utility Director updated the Commission on the discovery of an error in the calculation of the 2024 Class II Sewer Rates, which were originally approved at the September 19, 2023, meeting. These rates, which are billed to local industries based on loadings higher than the standard residential loadings will result in a net decrease that will be invoiced to communities. The revised Class II rates are higher in flow but lower in loadings.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Sheppard, that this file be Approved

[0109-24](#)

Subject: Change Order No. 1 on Contract C-22, Engines/Blowers Project, August Winter & Sons, Inc. (Contractor)

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Contract change results in an increase of \$304,199.00 bringing the total contract amount to \$5,599,199.00

The Wastewater Utility Director presented Change Order No. 1 on Contract C-22, Blower & Engine Generator Project, August Winter & Sons, Inc. (contractor) in the amount of \$304,199.00. This change order incorporates four Work Change Directives to include a transformer substitution, aeration pipe and control valve size revisions, engine exhaust piping, as well as authorization for the Contractor to procure the smaller control valves.

A motion was made by Sheppard, seconded by Jones, that this file be Approved

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Jones to enter into Closed Session

AYES:
Beyer
Bunkelman
Jones
McCarthy
Taft
Tate II
Sheppard

[0330-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy requesting that the Wastewater Commission meet regarding bargaining and development opportunities, which for competitive and bargaining reasons, require a closed session

Recommendation: To Receive & File

Fiscal Note: N/A

Closed Session Discussion

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Vice-President Tate II, seconded by Alder Jones to enter into Open Session

AYES:
Beyer
Bunkelman
Jones
McCarthy
Taft
Tate II
Sheppard

A motion was made by President Taft, seconded by Alder McCarthy that this item be Received & Filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.