

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Present: James FitzGerald
Ron Bautch
Sylvia LeBlanc

Ben Bautch
Vacant Seat

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Mike Miller, Public Utilities Superintendent
Brian Guldán, Bolton & Menk via ZOOM

FitzGerald called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by LeBlanc, second Bautch to approve the Agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes – Motion by LeBlanc, second Bautch to approve the minutes of January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Communications – None at this time.

Department Head Update – Miller reports there have been water leaks located and repaired on Kent Ln and Charles Cir reducing water use of approximately 100,000 gallons a day. Miller has been in contact with Honeywell tech in Chicago regarding the failing system at waste water and water treatment plants and has a local person who is able to calibrate the Honeywell meter.

OLD BUSINESS –

Water Department Hiring- There have been two applications received, consensus is to re-run advertisement.

NEW BUSINESS –

WWTF SCADA Scope and Fee- Brian Guldán presented the proposal from Bolton & Menk to provide engineering services necessary to update the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and computer system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The current system is an outdated Honeywell system with limited parts and service available. Replacement was approved in the 2024 budget. Discussion regarding advantages of different system, flexibility of providers, delay in receiving necessary equipment, costs, reserves, and necessity of project. Motion by Bautch, second LeBlanc to make recommendation to Council to move forward with engineering and bidding for replacement of SCADA and MCC replacement at a cost of \$56,050 (engineering) and \$300,000 (construction estimate) for a total of \$356,050, which is higher than budgeted amount of \$275,000. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The SCADA system in the Water Treatment facility is also failing. The project is part of the Congressional Direct Spending and awaiting financing. Discussion followed regarding collecting bids with the wastewater treatment facility bids, options for tying into the new system when funding is received and project begins, timeline of receiving funding. Consensus was the most economical way is to design controls for main project and move forward with bidding to have equipment arrive prior to project. Guldan will work with his electrical engineers and bring back more information for future meeting.

Motion by Bautch, second LeBlanc to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson