

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
March 10, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aldermen Dorchinecz
Alderman Walters
Alderman Budd
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Attorney Romano
Alderman Jones *
Alta Himstedt
Marilyn Spillman
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Walter

Superintendent Speagle
Alderman Heberling
Reggie Benton
Jamie Headen
Bill Newberry
Bev Morrison

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

OWANECO WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT

A newly computed and updated “Cost of Performance” for the Village of Owaneco, based upon interpretation of the contract by the City Attorney and Rich Hooper of Lively, Mathias, Hooper & Noblet, was presented. This computation is made in accordance with the terms of the water purchase contract with the Village of Owaneco, as amended July 27, 1987, stating “evidence of the cost of performance shall be derived from the annual audit of the City and the cost per thousand gallons determined by dividing the total amount of operating expenses for the water department by the total number of gallons sold (in thousands)”. The maximum allowable rate, per 1000 gallons of water would be \$4.5023640 rather than the lower \$3.7887838 amount.

Attorney Romano stated the contract with Owaneco should never have been written for 60 years, and cited State Statutes and Case Law regarding contracts which exceed 40 years in length being in violation of the Municipal Code and the Water Act. The City’s Agreement with Owaneco was signed in 1970 and amended in 1987. Quinn Broverman, Attorney for the Village of Owaneco, has already stated he will contest the City’s effort to break the water contract. Attorney Romano will research the matter further.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to table the Owaneco Water Rate Adjustment for further investigation and discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

SNAWS REQUEST TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE TO TWO PROPERTIES

A proposed agreement was received from Sharpsburg and Neighboring Area Water System (SNAWS) concerning allowing SNAWS to furnish potable water to the Calvary Baptist Church property and Richard and Peggy Breckenridge (both within the City’s corporate limits). Attorney Romano was present and stated he has reviewed the proposal and had numerous concerns. Among them was the City having the right to buy back the line - why should we have to buy back if they were funded by a grant; confirm the definition of “emergency”.

*Alderman Jones arrived.

Alta Himstedt, representing SNAWS, stated they took the Calvary Baptist Church and Breckenridge in not knowing they were within the City Limits. They are asking special permission to service these two areas.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to make the recommended changes to the proposal and bring back to the Committee for review. Motion carried 4-0.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

It was reported that 29% of Lake Taylorville Water was used compared to 71% of Well Water for the month of February. Superintendent Speagle noted there were 335 shutoff notices mailed resulting in 47 shutoffs.

Superintendent Speagle reported there were power issues at the Treatment Plant, South High Service Pump on February 24th, which required the generator to run at the plant for 24 hours, power failure at wells and Kincaid Booster Station. The South High Service Pump Variable Frequency Drive was replaced with a spare unit and the pump itself will be disassembled for repair.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #9-BENTON & ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Jamie Headen of Benton & Associates told the Committee that we are moving forward with the new Water Treatment Plant Project and will have separate bidding agreements in the next few months. He stated that when the City gets the loan, funds can be requested for reimbursement on a monthly basis. We have \$1,512,000.00 in the budget.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to approve Amendment #9 to Agreement for Engineering Services Related to Water System Improvements for the New Water Treatment Plant for approximately \$1,512,000.00 and have the Mayor and City Clerk sign the appropriate documents upon approval of the City Attorney. Motion carried 4-0.

AGREEMENT WITH OATES ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the Agreement for Architectural Services-Bidding and Construction Phase with Oates and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00 for the New Water Treatment Plant and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the appropriate documents upon approval of the City Attorney. Motion carried 4-0.

AGREEMENT WITH CLARK DIETZ, INC.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to approve the Agreement for Engineering Services-Bidding and Construction Phase (Electrical and HVAC) with Clark Dietz, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$133,600.00 for the New Water

Treatment Plant and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the appropriate documents upon approval of the City Attorney. Motion carried 4-0.

Illinois Historical Preservation Act

A Phase I Archeological Survey for the new Water Plant is required before the Environmental Assessment Signoff. Universities usually do the surveys and the University of Illinois is available. Jamie Headen stated they should be on site next week and have findings in two weeks. This may delay the bidding for one month which should not affect the schedule. Reggie Benton feels there should be no problems and stated the survey team is very practical. The cost is \$2,100.00.

PURCHASE GUILLOTINE CUTTER FOR 16" IRON MAIN

Superintendent Speagle would like to remove this item from the agenda for the time being. No action taken.

CHLORINATOR AND INJECTOR MAINTENANCE PARTS AND SERVICE

Superintendent Speagle informed the Committee that the chlorinators and injectors at the Treatment Plant have not been serviced for about two years. He received two quotes for labor, mileage and materials (four annual maintenance kits).

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to accept the low quote of \$2,085.03 from Sidener Environmental Services for Chlorinator and Injector Maintenance Parts and Service. Motion carried 4-0.

DIRECT TREASURER TO INITIATE LATE FEE FOR STATE OF ILLINOIS FACILITIES

At last month's meeting it was reported that the Prison was seven months behind on their water payment, owing the City \$255,598.72. Mayor Brotherton made a call to the State and a \$27,000.00 check was received today, March 10, 2016.

Superintendent Speagle reported that on March 7, 2016, he received a response to an e-mail from State of Illinois Comptroller Leslie Geissler Munger stating: The State's Prompt Payment Act (30ILCS540/1 et seq.) provides that any bill approved for payment under the Act must be paid within 60 days of the receipt of the Proper Bill. If payment is not made within this 60 day period, an interest penalty of 1.0% of any amount approved and unpaid shall be added for each month or fraction thereof after the end of this 60 day period until final payment is made.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to direct Treasurer Nation to follow the proper procedure to implement the action of charging the State for the late payment amounts owed the City from the State of Illinois for delinquent water bills. Motion carried 4-0.

PURCHASE PRINTER FOR TREASURER'S OFFICE

At last month's meeting Treasurer Nation informed the Committee that her office is in need of a replacement printer. She would like one that is faster. She received quotes from three

companies. The Committee discussed lease or purchase, and what will meet the needs of her office. She will get more information for next month's meeting.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

New Plant

Design is proceeding with BIOTTA pilot running and details being added to the construction plan. The protocol must be documented and reviewed by IEPA which will take some time as this is a new type system.

Cross Connection Control

The City will be sending out letters to all residents in the future. Superintendent Speagle will send out a press release and have numerous conversations/interviews with all available media outlets to eliminate any confusion or concerns.

AMR-Automated Meter Reading

We have over 3,788 AMR's in the system currently.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

PL566 Project Benefits

Superintendent Speagle thanked past Aldermen and Mayor and especially former Lake Superintendent Rocky Moore for the installation of the PL566 silt dams. We are still reaping the benefits of these installations through cheaper treatment costs. He spoke with several municipalities who are just now recovering treatment wise from the December flooding. Superintendent Speagle also thanked the existing Council, Mayor and Lake Superintendent Jackson for the work on the back side of the silt dams removing the deposited silt to ensure their performance.

Signs for the New Water Plant

Water Superintendent Speagle presented photos of different type/style signs for the new Water Plant. He stated he does not think a sign for the Water Plant is needed, but if the Aldermen desire one, a style must be picked so we can get a budget price.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Walters to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman