

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

April 12, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Jones
Alderman Budd
Alderman Lanzotti

ALSO PRESENT

Water Superintendent Speagle
Airport Manager Newberry
Alderman Vota
Alderman Olive
Alderman Walters
Terri France

Kellie Hamell
Mike Walter
Shirley Sams

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

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Superintendent Speagle presented the March monthly status report.

PARTIAL PAY REQUEST #9 FROM PLOCHER CONSTRUCTION

Superintendent Speagle presented pay Request # 9 from Plocher Construction for the amount of \$1,632,150.00.

Motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign Pay Request # 9 from Plocher Construction in the amount of \$1,632,150.00 for work on the New Water Treatment Plant and forward the request to IEPA Low Interest Loan Program for disbursement and approve payment of same pending receipt of disbursement from IEPA, this conditioned upon receipt of signed mechanics lien waivers in this amount and recommendation by the Project Engineer that the work has been satisfactorily performed. Motion carried 4-0.

INVOICES FROM BENTON & ASSOCIATES AND CLARK-DIETZ

Superintendent Speagle presented an invoice from Benton & Associates in the amount of \$57,661.15 for work performed related to the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant from February 18, 2018 through March 17, 2018.

Motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to pay Benton & Associates \$57,661.15 for work performed related to the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant from February 18, 2018 through March 17, 2018. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Speagle presented an invoice from Clark-Dietz for the total amount of \$7,952.20 for work performed related to the construction of the New Water Treatment Plant from February 24, 2018 through March 30, 2018.

Motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to pay Clark Dietz in the amount of \$7,952.20 for work performed related to the construction of the New Water Treatment Plant from February 24, 2018 through March 30, 2018. Motion carried 4-0.

2018-2019 LAB FEE PROGRAM

Superintendent Speagle has acquired a quote from the IEPA for the 2018-2019 lab fee program but has been unable to acquire a quote from PDC Labs after repeated requests. IEPA fee for the next sampling year is \$11,919.75.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to utilize IEPA for the 2018-2019 lab fee program at a cost not to exceed \$11,919.75. Motion carried 4-0.

AWARD SERVICE LINE BIDS

Superintendent Speagle presented a recap of bids that were opened on April 4, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office. Listed below is a recap of the bids:

Midwest Meter	\$14,380.00
Schulte Supply	\$14,479.00
IMCO	\$14,799.00
Water Products Co.	\$15,095.00

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to award the Service Line Bid to the lowest bidder, Midwest Meter, at a cost not to exceed \$14,380.00. Motion carried 4-0.

PURCHASE FORD F150

Superintendent Speagle presented a quote from Bob Ridings of Taylorville for a F150. Bob Ridings did not obtain the state bid this year however they can come within \$300.00 of the state bid as the quote reflects. In an effort to purchase locally Superintendent Speagle is asking that we waive the bidding process and purchase the truck at the stated price of \$26,734.00.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding this purchase. Alderman Budd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, advised he would not approve this purchase at this time as the City does not know what the final cost of the new Water Plant is going to be. He asked Superintendent Speagle if he knew if the loan extension had been approved. Superintendent Speagle advised the loan extension would not be approved until the loan is finalized.

Chairman Burtle disagreed, stating the Water Department is the only Department that is self-sustaining. Chairman Burtle informed Alderman Budd that he appreciated that he is looking out for the City's finances but in this case, nothing comes from the General Fund and Superintendent Speagle knows what is in his budget. There were other Aldermen in attendance that voiced opposition as well. Chairman Budd advised he would make the motion to purchase the vehicle, then if need be, Chairman Burtle can have it placed on the City Council Agenda for a vote of the full Council.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to allow Superintendent Speagle to purchase a Ford F150 from Bob Ridings, at a cost not to exceed \$26,734.00. Motion was 2-2.

Chairman Burtle advised he would contact Mayor Barry to have this issue placed on the April 16, 2018 City Council Agenda, for a full Council vote.

WAIVING TAPPING FEES FOR PROPERTIES ANNEXED TO CITY

Superintendent Speagle informed the Committee that the Mayor, Alderman Vota, Street & Sewer Superintendent Wiseman and himself met with a representative of R.P. Lumber concerning the annexation of their property and the fact that there was no incentive offered when they were annexed. R.P. Lumber is looking at the proposed TIF District and incentives that are being created for incoming businesses and yet they did not receive any. They are asking that we waive all fees required for installation as well as install the service onto their property.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to waive the water tapping fees for R.P. Lumber and the City will provide the installation of the service line. Motion carried 4-0.

AMENDING TAP ON FEES AND WATER MAIN EXTENSION POLICIES AND FEES

Superintendent Speagle informed the Committee that E.J. Water has held a meeting in Taylorville asking for interest for connections in Taylorville and Johnson Townships. If desired extension to outside customers is desired, the City will need to amend their policies and fee structure that include charging for materials, legal fees, labor and equipment costs.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to address the out of town tapping fees by changing the cost from \$20.00 per front footage to \$5.00 per front footage. Motion carried 4-0.

WATER COLLECTION OFFICE UPDATE

Superintendent Speagle informed the Committee of several items that are being worked through and provided a timeline for projected completion dates. Kellie Hamell will begin her duties at the Water Collection Manger on April 17th.

Chairman Burtle asked that the Water Collection Office Updates remain on the Water Agenda until the process is complete.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Speagle informed the Committee the City has received the permit from the railroad and the bore project is out for bid.

The title searches are complete showing that the City owns the 15 foot strip along Rt. 29 with no omissions. Late next fall, Superintendent Speagle will have it surveyed. This is one of seven areas that need to be cleared for future accessibility for repairs.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Superintendent Speagle advised he has contacted the Mayors Secretary, Lisa Sassatelli. She is on the team working on the new City Web Site to inquire about having a link added to the City's page that the residents can use to pay their water bills on line.

Superintendent Speagle presented the Committee with a notice that is taped to the customers door notifying the resident that they have a leak which could be a problem with plumbing inside the tank of a toilet. It instructs them on how to test with food coloring.

The notice advised them of the date it was identified during the collection of meter readings. They are advised if they would like assistance to contact the Water Collection Office. At this time the Water Meter Technician then calls the Water Department advising them when they placed the notice on the door to keep record of it in case someone comes in at a later date stating they were not aware there was a problem.

Superintendent Speagle also stated it would be very beneficial if his Department would get at least a one-year notice of upcoming overlay projects they could be handled in a more productive manner. Alderman Walters advised this could be addressed at a Street and Sewer Committee Meeting to come up with a time frame of the overlay projects.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Water/Environmental Committee