

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

October 11, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Jones
Alderman Lanzotti
Alderman Budd

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Superintendent Speagle
Alderman Walters
Alderman Olive

Jamie Goldenburg
Traci Bentley

Chairman Burtle called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Superintendent Speagle presented the September monthly status report.

BLUE STEM PRESENTATION-SOLAR PANELS

Jamie Goldenburg with Blue Stem informed the Committee that his company is interested in building a solar farm to provide energy at a lower cost for the new Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Goldenburg explained that Blue Stem will start by doing a free energy master plan. This study takes 6-9 months to complete and is done with no cost or obligation to the City. The company does require sole rights to the area during the study. Mr. Goldenburg explained after the study is complete the results would be given to the City. If the City decides to continue with the project, Blue Stem will build, own and operate the solar farm. The only cost to the City would be purchasing the energy that is created.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to review the contact with Blue Stem and make any necessary changes. Motion carried 4-0.

PARTIAL PAY REQUEST #15 FROM PLOCHER CONSTRUCTION

Superintendent Speagle presented pay Request #15 from Plocher Construction for the amount of \$1,335,690.00.

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 #15 from Plocher Construction in the amount of \$1,335,690.00 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, CLARK-DIETZ AND DICKINSON HUSSMAN

Superintendent Speagle presented an invoice from Benton & Associates in the amount of \$35,300.70 for work performed related to the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant from September 2, 2018 through September 29, 2018.

Motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to pay Benton & Associates \$35,300.70 for work performed related to the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant from September 2, 2018 through September 29, 2018. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Speagle presented an invoice from Clark-Dietz for the total amount of \$3,107.20 for work performed related to the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant from September 1, 2018 through September 28, 2018.

Motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to pay Clark Dietz in the amount of \$3,107.20 for work performed related to the construction of the New Water Treatment Plant from September 1, 2018 through September 28, 2018. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Speagle presented an invoice from Dickinson Hussman for the total amount of \$2,897.99 for work performed related to the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant from September 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

Motion was made by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to pay Dickinson Hussman in the amount of \$2,897.99 for work performed related to the construction of the New Water Treatment Plant from September 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018. Motion carried 4-0.

AMEND ORDINANCE FOR SHUTOFF NOTIFICATIONS

Superintendent Speagle presented a memo wishing to amend the dates for shutoff notification for failure to pay. Superintendent Speagle is seeking to change the date of disconnection from the first of the following month to the 22nd of the same with shutoffs to occur seven days after.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code changing the wording “first day of the next” to “22nd day of the” and to remove the words “or after”. Motion carried 4-0.

AMEND ZONING FOR SIGN AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Superintendent Speagle presented a memo wishing to amend the zoning laws to allow a sign larger than allowed and lighted, in a residential area.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to allow a larger, lighted sign at the new Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried 4-0.

WATER COLLECTION OFFICE UPDATE

Superintendent Speagle informed the Committee that online bill pay has continued to increase and there are currently 15 customers that are set up with the bank draft pay.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Speagle informed the Committee that the Water Department has utilized the Beacon system to read the east side and still have some software issues to work though. There are currently two ME meters installed in employee's homes to verify that the parameters are correct before mass install.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Budd informed the Committee that the motor on the stump grinder blew up and a new one has been ordered in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Mayor Barry stated there is currently a verbal agreement in place with Taylorville Fire Protection District.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Water/Environmental Committee