

**CITY OF RHINELANDER
WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 3, 2011 – 5:10-7:00 P.M.
NEW WASTE TREATMENT PLANT, 2775 HWY. 17 S., RHINELANDER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mark Pelletier, Sherrie Belliveau, Sonny Paszak, Joe Salzer and Tom Kelly.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Dick Johns, Assistant Water & Wastewater Superintendent Tim Phelan, Frank Brey, Mike Schindhelm and Gene Laschinger of Town & Country Engineering, Kyle Rogers of the Northwoods River News, Ald. Alex Young and Water & Wastewater Superintendent John Zatopa.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Mark Pelletier called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. The media was notified, the agenda was posted, and a quorum was present to do business.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY PASZAK, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2011. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORTS

Due to the number of items on the agenda, the Committee members will review the activity reports at their leisure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss/Approve Ratification of Pay Request #17 in the Amount of \$671,846.50

MOTION BY PELLETIER, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE RATIFICATION OF PAY REQUEST #17 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$671,846.50 FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Discuss/Approve Work Directives and Change Orders for Contracts A, B and C

MOTION BY PASZAK, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 TO CONTRACT A IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,462.00. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Discuss/Approve Proposal to Insulate Water Department Garage

Tim Phelan stated that we've been spending more than \$1,000 per month on heating bills. He has gotten one proposal for insulation, but would like to get others. This matter will be placed on a future agenda.

Review/Approve Bid Recommendation for Painting the Highway 8 Water Tower

10 bids were received. There were a number of options included in the original bid package that we opted not to purchase. Dixon Engineering recommends rejection of the low bid by St. Germain Sandblasting, as they did not submit the required Bidders Proof of Responsibility. After eliminating the options we didn't want, MC Sandblasting & Painting was the low bidder. Dixon has previous experience with this company and recommends awarding the contract to MC Sandblasting & Painting.

MOTION BY SALZER, SECOND BY BELLIVEAU, TO APPROVE BID OF MC SANDBLASTING & PAINTING, INC. FOR PAINTING THE HIGHWAY 8 WATER TOWER AT A COST OF \$62,900. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY SALZER, SECOND BY KELLY, TO RECESS FOR A TOUR. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee members took a tour of the new Wastewater Treatment facilities.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY SALZER, TO RECONVENE. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Scope of Services with Town & Country Engineering for Replacement of the Kemp Street Lift Station

The Kemp Street lift station is fairly old and difficult to access. The pumps are in very poor condition and in dire need of replacement. As this lift station serves the entire west side of the City, a failure could be catastrophic. John would like to install a bypass system, both to allow for necessary repairs in case the lift station fails, and to handle the sewage during the future replacement of the lift station, which is planned as part of the interceptor project. John and Gene met with Tom Taylor earlier today to look at all of this, and Tom believes we can put a bypass in for under \$15,000. Gene stated that there are three major issues for the Committee to consider: 1) whether or not to put in the bypass system; 2) do we want to proceed with the design work for replacement of the lift station; and 3) land acquisition as necessary to accomplish this.

Sonny Paszak asked what the total cost will be. Gene stated that it will run from \$400,000-\$650,000, not including the forcemain. Mark Pelletier noted replacement of the lift station was part of the total cost for the interceptor project; this was within the scheme of the original plan. Gene stated there are three components: the Kemp Street lift station, the Sutliff Avenue lift station, and the interceptor, for a total project cost of \$5 million. He noted that this is all included in the facilities plan, so these expenses are eligible for a loan from the Clean Water Fund. However, we need to get our application in by June 15th to take advantage of the current low interest rates. Gene also stated that he did an analysis, and it looks like we can handle this without any increases to our water and sewer rates.

MOTION BY PELLETIER, SECOND BY PASZAK, TO AUTHORIZE INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY BYPASS SYSTEM FOR THE KEMP STREET LIFT STATION. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY PELLETIER, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE SCOPE OF SERVICES WITH TOWN & COUNTRY ENGINEERING FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE KEMP STREET LIFT STATION AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$34,000.00. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Gene noted that the land acquisition will take some time, so he recommends getting to work on that immediately.

Approve Amendment to Town & Country Engineering Contract for Barnes Street

Gene noted that there was a base contract for the Barnes, Eastern and Phillip projects. Everything took a lot more time than anticipated, which resulted in more expense. The additional costs have already been paid, but we need a distinct amendment to send in to the DNR for reimbursement. The total additional incurred was around \$35,000.

MOTION BY SALZER, SECOND BY PASZAK, TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO TOWN & COUNTRY ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR BARNES STREET DUE TO ADDITIONAL WORK. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Amendment to Town & Country Engineering Contract for the Wastewater Plant Due to Additional Work for the New Water Main

Gene stated that it took a lot of effort to get the water main in. Town & Country did all of that work under the existing contract. They would like an addendum for increased costs due to staking and inspection.

MOTION BY PASZAK, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO TOWN & COUNTRY ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE WASTEWATER PLANT DUE TO ADDITIONAL WORK FOR THE NEW WATER MAIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000.00. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session – no executive session was needed, as the minutes were not ready, and no action is needed regarding land acquisition at this time.

MATTERS OF EMERGENCY/INFORMATIONAL NATURE

Gene encouraged the Committee to start thinking about possibly acquiring some property for dumping sludge.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS & CLAIMS

MOTION BY SALZER, SECOND BY BELLIVEAU, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS & CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$969,596.54. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS AND MEETING DATE

Future Agenda Requests:

- Discuss/Approve Proposal to Insulate Water Department Garage

The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY PASZAK, TO ADJOURN THE WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 3, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED BY _____
Mark Pelletier, Chairman

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