

**CITY OF RHINELANDER  
WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 2011 – 5:00-6:00 PM**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alex Young.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Frank Brey of Town & Country Engineering, Mayor Richard Johns, Wastewater Superintendent Tim Kingman, Assistant Superintendent Tim Phelan, Clerk/Treasurer Mary Richardson, Kyle Rogers of the Northwoods River News and Mark Thompson of the Rennes Group.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Pelletier at 5:00 p.m. The media was notified, the agenda posted, and a quorum present to do business.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION BY PASZAK, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF 6/7/11 AND 7/5/11. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Discuss/Approve proposed water and sewer provisions for the Rennes Group Development project

Mark Thompson advised that Rennes is leaning heavily toward installing a private lift station instead of going with the original plan for a Utility-owned lift station. There is some question at this time as to whether or not this change would still fall within the scope of the grant. Mark noted that there was an agreement between the City and Rennes regarding the project, which included language regarding public utilities, so that would also need to be changed. Mark stated that he thinks Rennes is pretty strongly committed to a private lift station and private water main loop.

Mayor Johns stated that according to Wisconsin law, when we annex property we have to pay the township 5 years of taxes; this will be checked out with the City Attorney. The Mayor also noted that there was \$105,000 from the grant, and asked what would happen to those funds if the utilities become privately owned. Tim Kingman stated that originally, the grant was supposed to be a 50/50 split, but it now sounds like there's a job creation requirement instead; if so, the privatization may not be a factor. Tim stated that we are working on getting an answer from the Department of Commerce on this question. He advised that the City Attorney's recommendation was to bring a contract to Council that reflects the agreements that have been made, and the contract can be amended later as needed.

Mark Thompson noted that the original bid was \$414,000; removing the lift station and water main brings it down to around \$240,000, which is a significant savings. Rennes feels they're better off to go that route and save the money.

The Mayor asked Tim Kingman for his recommendation. Tim stated that he doesn't feel a grinder pump is equal to a separate grinder and lift station. The Mayor noted that Rennes would be responsible to maintain it. Mark Pelletier stated that if it was on City property, we would not allow it. Tim Phelan asked what will happen if their grinder is insufficient and we start getting rags or other refuse in our sewer. Mark Thompson stated that he assumes the City has a wastewater ordinance that regulates what can and cannot be put down the sewers, and Rennes would comply with that ordinance like anyone else.

Mark Thompson stated that Rennes is looking for approval at the 8/8/11 Council meeting. Tim Kingman stated that we would need a dollar amount at that time. The Mayor suggested holding a special Water meeting at 5:00 on Monday, prior to the Council meeting; by then we will have answers on the grant, and the Mayor also wants the City Attorney brought up to date and present at that meeting.

#### Departmental Activity Report

Wastewater Superintendent Tim Kingman and Assistant Superintendent Tim Phelan gave their monthly reports.

Unfinished Business – None.

#### New Business

#### Discuss/Approve Ratification of pay requests in the total amount of \$433,550.03 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

MOTION BY PASZAK, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE RATIFICATION OF PAY REQUESTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$433,550.03 (CONTRACT A - \$394,562.53, CONTRACT B - \$12,000.00 AND CONTRACT C - \$26,987.50) FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY PASZAK, TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS #8 AND #9 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$48,814.00. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.

#### Discuss/Approve Change Orders and Ratification of Final Pay Requests for the Phillip & Barnes projects

Tim noted that there are still several issues outstanding, including final lien waivers, so payment will not be made until those issues are resolved.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY PELLETIER, TO APPROVE FINAL PAY REQUEST OF \$63,673.91 FOR THE PHILLIP STREET PROJECT, AND FINAL PAY REQUEST OF \$39,787.91 FOR THE BARNES STREET PROJECT. 3 AYE, 1 NAY (SALZER), 1 ABSENT (YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.

Discuss/Approve purchase of selected pump and control panel equipment for the Kemp Street Lift Station Project

Tim Kingman stated that he is not recommending the combination of low bids. The City currently has Flygt pumps and an LW Allen control panel, and both have very good track records. If we accepted the lowest bids, we would reduce the total cost by \$10,000, but we have had very good experience with both Flygt and LW Allen, and Tim recommends staying with them.

MOTION BY PELLETIER, SECOND BY PASZAK, TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF FLYGT PUMP AND LW ALLEN CONTROL PANEL FOR THE KEMP STRET LIFT STATION PROJECT AT A TOTAL COST OF \$80,534.00. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.

Matters of Emergency/Informational Nature

Tim advised that the new Wastewater Treatment Plant construction is near completion, and is scheduled to be put into service on August 15, 2011.

The contract bidding for the Kemp Street lift station project is scheduled for August 15, 2011.

Approval of Bills and Claims

MOTION BY PASZAK, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE BILLS AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$626,530.66. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.

Future Agenda Requests and Meeting Date

Future Agenda Requests:

- Repair/replace Water Shop building roof

Meeting Date:

- Special meeting: Monday, August 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
- Regular meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY PASZAK, TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 2, 2011 WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:00 PM. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Pelletier, Chairman

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