

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, May 17, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Brown, Letarte and Harri. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Superintendent Scott Poyer, WWTP Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Treasurer Robert Damon, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Deputy Carla Mazur, Librarian Sandra Porter, City Attorney Phil Erickson and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

None.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

City Attorney Erickson reviewed with Council the Sewer Lead Issue at 339 Dexter. After discussion, City Attorney Erickson advised City Superintendent Poyer to communicate with the homeowner and send a letter explaining the City's position. Superintendent Poyer will keep Council informed.

Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the MISO Strike Price. Superintendent Poyer stated that the City now has complete purchases through 2013, and the prices had come in considerably lower than previous years. Superintendent Poyer stated that partial purchases were still needed for 2014 and 2015, but the MPPA will continue to monitor the situation and set up purchases as pricing becomes available.

WWTP Director Nichols reviewed with Council the Bids that he had received regarding the BIO Solids. Director Nichols stated that he had received two bids, and it was his recommendation to go with Synagro, who came in with the lowest bid of \$0.0343 per gallon for the next three years. This item will appear on the May 24<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council approval.

WWTP Director Nichols reviewed with Council the Bids that he had received regarding the Preventative Maintenance Power Distribution Switchboard. Director Nichols stated that he had received two bids, and it was his recommendation to go with GE Energy Services for the price of \$2,280.00. Director Nichols stated that even though this bid was \$222.00 higher than the other bid, GE Energy Services has the expertise and familiarity with the equipment involved, as it is their equipment. Director Nichols stated that he was bringing this to Council for informational purposes only, and that it did not need to be voted on as it was a Budgeted Item.

Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the Resolution for the East Knight Street Bridge Maintenance Contract that needed to be approved by Council. Superintendent Poyer explained that the monies would be coming from the State, and the cost of this project was approximately \$157,000.00, of which the City would only be responsible for \$12,000.00. This item will appear on the May 24<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council approval.

Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the Resolution for the Hall Street Bridge Maintenance Contract Application. Superintendent Poyer explained that there was funding available for the Maintenance of this Bridge, and would like to have Council approval for the City to submit an Application. This item will appear on the May 24<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council approval.

Councilman Letarte reviewed with Council information that he has received regarding the replacement of the trees in the Downtown area in conjunction with the MDOT construction project. Councilman Letarte stated that there will be a meeting held on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for anyone that was interested, and that the Mayor had formed this Committee and would be Chairing the Committee. Council agreed that it was imperative to act quickly on this matter, as construction has already begun and needs to not be held up, and that after the Wednesday night meeting, there may be the need to have an item placed on the May 24<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council and Department Heads the Proposed 2010-2011 Budget. Discussion took place regarding possible Revenue options, rate increases and cuts to Departments. Mayor Platte further reviewed with Council the meeting that the Department Heads had and the concessions that they were willing to give. This item will be further reviewed at the May 24<sup>th</sup> Worksession scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Other Business:**

Councilman Greenhoe asked the Building Inspector what was going on with the property located at 214 Dutton Street. Building Inspector Hill stated that letters have been sent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, Clerk