

Water and Sewer Committee Meeting

Minutes

December 17th, 2020

5:15 PM

Present: Kysa Rasmussen, Kali Godfrey

Absent: Ken Koffler

Visitors:

Mayor Norby, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, PWD Hintz, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Messer, Laura Gundlach,

Due to the current COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic and rising cases in Richland County, the December 17th, 2020 meeting of the Sidney City Council will be **HELD VIRUTALLY ONLY**. The public is invited to participate via a Zoom meeting. You can participate with via by video or phone:

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Rules of the Meeting: Mayor Norby will take roll call at the beginning of the meeting, if you join after this has happened please announce you are present for official minutes. Mayor Norby will call for public comment, then Council member comment, then ask for a motion on each agenda item. If you are calling for an item not listed on the agenda, you will be asked to speak under visitors. Please announce your name prior to making comment, do not speak over or at the same time as others, and keep your phone on mute when not making comment.

WWTP PHASE #3 SRF LOAN LEFT OVER FUNDS FOR SEWER PROJECT “SE SEWER MAIN RE-LOCATE”:

PWD Hintz stated there is \$430,000 left over in the WWTP P3 SRF Loan that the rates have been set as if we used all of the funds assumed would be needed. He stated Mike Abrahamson suggested to use those remaining funds on another sewer project. PWD Hintz stated there is a sewer main that runs under several private buildings that needs to be rerouted and this same line area has had issues with breaks that this money could be used on to fix. He stated Mrs. Gundlach, as engineer on the WWTP project, would engineer the project and all costs will be under the SRF Loan. He further stated if there is any remaining after this, it will be used for sewer lining. Mrs. Gundlach stated she feels this is a great use of those funds, and there will be two additional task orders for this, one for survey and the other for engineering.

Mayor Norby stated this has been a project that has been on the City’s radar for to long. PWD Hintz state if the City decides to turn this money back and get another SRF Loan to do this project, but we will have to pay all of the loan costs again, including for Bond Council which costs upwards of \$50,000. Mrs. Gundlach stated this is money left over from required contingency and could also be used for the chemical treatment of the sludge or for phase 4 of the WWTP project. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated she has concerns about increasing rates for phase 4 again. Mrs. Gundlach stated phase 4 loan was included in the last rate increase and so one should not be needed. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked the estimated cost for this and PWD Hintz stated Mrs. Gundlach will have that estimate in the next couple of weeks. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated if Mrs. Gundlach does not have the total estimate done, the Committee should recommend Morrison Maierle should bring the task orders with a cost estimate to the City Council meeting for final approval so the Committee is not recommending approval of the project without a cost estimate.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Rasmussen to have Mrs. Gundlach of Morrison Maierle present the City Council with the cost estimate and task orders for the project discussed and seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at pm 6:35 pm.

BreeAnn Shanks Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Kysa Rasmussen, Committee Chair