



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chaired by Council Member Moore

Members: Moore, Hudson, Ewing, and Jones

April 11, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

3rd Floor Lobby Conference Room

Present: Chairman Britt Moore, Committee Member Jason Ewing, Committee Member Wesley Hudson, and Committee Member Victor Jones

Absent: JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney

Staff Present:

Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Managing Director; Laura Altizer, Senior Budget Analyst; Garey Edwards, Director of Electric Utilities; Bobby Fitzjohn, Director of Financial Services; Robby Stone, Assistant Director of Public Services; Steve Lingerfelt, Director of Communications & Information Service; Tommy Reid, Fire Chief; Mary Brooks, Deputy City Clerk; and Lisa Vierling, City Clerk

Others Present:

Thad Juszcak, Resident

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2019-147 Contract - BABB & Associates - Kersey Valley Landfill Ground Water Assessment Monitoring Program

City Council is requested to approve a sole source contract with BABB & Associates in the amount of \$39,300 for ongoing groundwater assessment and monitoring as required by the operating permit for the Kersey Valley Landfill.

Robby Stone, Assistant Director of Public Services, explained that the NC Division of Waste Management has mandated additional monitoring requirements that exceed the current and past requirements. These additional requirements are a result of broadening the testing criteria which has resulted in more frequent testing. Mr. Stone advised that Babbs & Associates, P.A. have been conducting the groundwater monitoring program at the Kersey Valley Landfill and have been instrumental in acting as a liaison between the city and state with the monitoring changes while advocating for the city.

Deputy City Manager Randy McCaslin noted that more stringent, expensive testing requirements will likely follow for future testing requirements.

A motion was made by Chairman Moore, seconded by Committee Member Hudson, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the April 15, 2019 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following 4-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (4): Committee Member Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

2019-148 Contract - Pratt - Pre-Purchase of Plug Valves - Riverdale Lift Station

City Council is requested to approve a contract with Pratt to purchase five (5) plug valves in the amount of \$127,655 to expand the capacity of the Riverdale Lift Station while an emergency bypass is in place to repair the station from flooding that occurred during Hurricane Florence.

Robby Stone, Assistant Director of Public Services, advised that due to the long lead times, staff is recommending the pre-purchase of plug valves that are needed to expand the capacity of the Riverdale Lift Station that was damaged from flooding that occurred during Hurricane Florence. Public Services requested quotes for valve manufacturers and only two responded. The selection was based on meeting the design criteria and the fastest delivery at the lowest price. Staff recommended the valves be purchased from Pratt based on the 8-10 weeks lead time versus the Dezurik lead time of 12-14 weeks.

Chairman Moore asked if staff felt the extra \$10,000 in cost for the valves is justified with a one-week difference in delivery time between the two manufacturers and Mr. Stone replied in the affirmative.

Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager, explained that staff hopes to have everything in place and online by the end of June because developers have started project and are counting on this date to allow them to bring their projects online.

Chairman Moore asked staff to let Council know how it rolls out in June as to if the target is met.

A motion was made by Committee Member Hudson, seconded by Committee Member Jones, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the April 15, 2019 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following 4-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (4): Committee Member Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

2019-150 Contract - GEA Westfalia - Rebuild of Centrifuges- Eastside WWTP

City Council is requested to approve a sole source contract with GEA Westfalia to perform the manufacturer's required 3-year cycle - 8,000-hour service rebuild on the two (2) centrifuges at the Eastside WWTP in the amount of \$89,958.95.

Robby Stone, Assistant Public Services Director, advised the two centrifuges at the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant are used for de-watering solids as part of the wastewater treatment process. The centrifuges were installed as part of the upgrade to the residuals management facility in 2016, and the operations and maintenance manuals require the

centrifuges be rebuilt on a three-year cycle. It will be about a two-week process to do the rebuild.

A motion was made by Committee Member Ewing, seconded by Committee Member Jones, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the April 15, 2019 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following 4-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (4): Committee Member Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

2019-151 Contract - Crowder Gulf LLC - Pro-Active Storm Debris Removal Services

City Council is requested to award a contract to Crowder Gulf, LLC for disaster recovery services. This contract will assure that a contractor will be accessible to provide clean up assistance when a major storm event occurs.

Robby Stone, Assistant Director of Public Services, advised that continues taking a proactive stance for disaster recovery services. He noted the storm debris removal services contract that was awarded in 2014 as a result of the ice storm has since expired. As a result, a new RFP was requested and companies were invited to submit proposals by March 4, 2019. Mr. Stone explained that the RFPs were more comprehensive this time taking into consideration vegetation removal, C & D (construction and debris), and white goods disposal. Staff is recommending award of the contract for storm debris removal services to Crowder Gulf.

A motion was made by Committee Member Ewing seconded by Committee Member Jones, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the April 15, 2019 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following 4-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (4): Committee Member Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

2019-152 Contract - Meraki Managed Services - 5S Technologies

City Council is requested to approve a 5-year service contract with 5S Technologies in the amount of \$216,000. This purchase will replace devices nearing end of life status and provide managed services for all 119 Meraki wireless devices currently in place.

Steve Lingerfelt, Director of Communications & Information Services, advised this would be a five-year contract replacing the wireless Meraki devices located throughout the downtown area and multiple city facilities. The purchase would replace those devices nearing end of life status and provide managed services for all 119 Meraki wireless devices currently in place. Staff recommends approval of the five-year service contract to 5S Technologies.

A motion was made by Chairman Moore, seconded by Committee Member Hudson, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the April 15, 2019 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following 4-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (4): Committee Member Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

2019-153 Agreement - New Cingular Wireless d/b/a AT&T Mobility- Pole Attachment Agreement

City Council is requested to approve an agreement allowing New Cingular Wireless d/b/a AT&T Mobility to attach lines/equipment to the City's overhead distribution system.

Garey Edwards, Director of Electric Utilities, advised that another fiber company has contacted the city and wants to attach to the city's poles. He noted the agreement is a standard agreement and has been reviewed by the Electric Department as well as the Legal Department and would be citywide. Mr. Edwards further advised that State law requires the city to allow pole attachments to the city's overhead distribution system to communication providers.

Committee Member Ewing asked if this would affect underground utilities areas and if there was a requirement that the city allow them to use conduits in those instances. Mr. Edwards advised that this is only for overhead ones attached to the city's overhead line poles and he would recommend against allowing them to use the city's conduits because these are needed for spares in the future.

A motion was made by Committee Member Ewing, seconded by Committee Member Hudson, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the April 15, 2019 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following 4-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (4): Committee Member Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

2019-154 Resolution - Allen Jay Rec & Deep River Recreation Centers - NCEM Grant Designation of Applicant's Agent

City Council is requested to adopt a resolution to designate Perry Hall, Emergency Manager and Brian Evans, Deputy Fire Chief with the Fire Department as the City's agents to apply for the NCEM Hazard Mitigation grant to add generators at the Allen Jay and Deep River Recreation Centers.

Eric Olmedo, Managing Director, advised that the city intends to apply for a Hazard Mitigation grant through the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCEM) and they require adoption of a resolution designating the primary and secondary agents. The resolution designates Perry Hall, Emergency Manager, and Brian Evans, Deputy Fire Chief as the city's agents to apply for the NCEM Hazard Mitigation grant. The grant will add generators at the Allen Jay and Deep River Recreation Centers.

Fire Chief Tommy Reid explained the generators would be installed at Allen Jay and Deep River Recreation Centers to be used as local shelters during storms. He noted there would not be a local match as the Federal portion of the grant will pay for 75% of the cost, while the State will pay for 25% of the cost.

Deputy City Manager Randy McCaslin explained this came about during the last storm because there were no shelters in High Point. At that time, Fire Department staff was asked to assess the Rec centers to get them ready to be used as shelters (one on the north side and one on the south side).

The cost of the generators is estimated at about \$115,000 each.

A motion was made by Chairman Moore, seconded by Committee Member Ewing, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the April 15, 2019 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following 4-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (4): Committee Member Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

PENDING ITEMS

2018-169 Amendment to License Agreement - Cingular Wireless PSC, LLC (AT&T)

City Council is requested to approve an Amendment to the License Agreement with Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) which allows the location of communication equipment at the City's Ward Water Plant; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Committee Member Hudson inquired about the status of this matter. City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle explained they need to figure out what would be a fair amount and in the meantime, it is business as usual.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk

Britt W. Moore, Chairman