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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

January 8th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Angelica Ceja called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Present were Mayor Angelica Ceja, Councilors Nico Casarez, Della Seney, Scott Lee, Doug Cox, Katie Wallace, and Walter Wick. Council absent: None. Staff present: City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding, Assistant Administrator (ACA) Kirsti Pizzuto and Administrative Assistant Celia Lemhouse. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Councilor Seney moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Wick seconded. Council present voted unanimously to approve the agenda. Agenda approved.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

VISITORS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA Councilor Seney moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. Council present voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Westech Engineering- Wastewater Treatment Plant 100% Design Proposal

ACA Pizzuto presented the design proposal for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. ACA Pizzuto explained there are new requirements from BABA (Build America, Buy America), which are new in the last couple of years. CA Pizzuto stated that the proposal includes bid documents to remove the biosolids that have been removed in their lifetime.

Councilor Cox asked if this was the final design. ACA Pizzuto explained this is the proposal to complete the 100% design since DEQ approved the completed 20% design previously.

Councilor Seney moved to Approve the Westech Wastewater Treatment Plant Final Design and Engineering Services Proposal with a not-to-exceed amount of \$980,000 as presented by staff. Councilor Lee seconded. Council present voted unanimously to approve the motion. Motion passed.

b) FCS- Wastewater Financial Plan and Rate Forecast Contract Agreements

ACA Pizzuto made herself available for questions regarding the staff reports. ACA stated that rate increases are inevitable with the increasing debt the city is accruing for the Wastewater Project, and that FCS Group was selected to complete a rate study in the previous Council meeting. ACA Pizzuto noted that there are add-ons to the presented proposal which the city could choose to include in a revised contract in the future.

Councilor Seney moved to approve the FCS Group Agreement for the Wastewater Financial Plan and Rate Forecast with a not-to-exceed amount of \$23,080 as presented by staff. Councilor Lee seconded. Council present voted unanimously to approve the motion. Motion passed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

CA Harding stated that the two contracts that were presented during the meeting are very important contracts for the city. CA Harding stated most of the Westech contract will be funded through an ARPA grant the city received through Marion County, and the rest will come out of the direct ARPA award from the government.

CA Harding stated we are on a roughly 2-year period of being into the construction of the Treatment Plant, which will require permanent and construction funding.

CA Harding stated that the council will be having a strategy work session for event planning in the coming month, as well as the State of the City presentation on January 22nd of this year.

CA Harding requested vacation time in February, and stated that the February 26th meeting may be canceled should no projects arise.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilor Seney gave an update that the SKATS meeting to discuss Aumsville’s status has been moved to February.

Councilor Cox stated the Public Safety Council Meeting was January 9th, 2024. Council recommended they have name tags for when they go to meetings.

Mayor Ceja gave a reminder for the ribbon cutting event at the Aumsville Community Food Pantry happening January 9th, 2024.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Mayor Ceja adjourned the meeting without prejudice at 7:28 PM.

Minutes unanimously approved by Council January 22, 2024.