

The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee **held a meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021** **beginning at 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chair Mitchell, Members Davis, Cerra, Keys, Simmons

OTHERS PRESENT: Law Director Breunig, Water Superintendent Jacob, Council Member Oswald

1. Approval of the JANUARY 27th, 2021 Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Cerra moved, second by Mrs. Keys to approve the 'said' meeting minutes.

2. The matter of applying for, and accept if offered, an Ohio Department of Health Fluoride Assistance Program (FAP).

REFERRED BY: Water Plant Superintendent Jacob

Mr. Jacob said this is a 50 percent grant thru the Ohio Dept. Of Health and which they would like to purchase a 2nd fluoride feeder which will be used as the primary one and the current one will be the back up. There are limited funds so we want to be one of the first ones to apply. They are hoping to get up to \$40,000 of the cost of a feeder which will cost around \$70,000.

Mr. Oswald asked Mr. Jacob how he finds these grants?

Mr. Jacob said his assistant, Sam happened to come across this grant and got the paperwork in right away. Most of these grant opportunities are that you have to know where to look or have a connection or know someone with the EPA and get a 'heads-up' and then apply.

Mr. Breunig asked Mr. Jacob for clarification, as to if this program is a matching grant program or a forgivable loan program.

Mr. Jacob said this is a 50% reimbursement grant. So the City pays for this and then the City will get reimbursed 50%.

The application opening date has already started and the paperwork needs to be submitted as soon as possible. So the matter will need to be passed as suspension and emergency.

Mr. Cerra moved, seconded by Mrs. Keys to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to apply for and accept, if offered, the 'said' program.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of advertising for bids and enter into a contract for the purchase and installation of a new Fluoride Feeder and Ancillary feed and testing equipment.

REFERRED BY: Water Plant Superintendent Jacob

Mr. Jacob said once we get approval we'll process specs capacities and then we'll advertise for bids for the feeder and decide if the Staff will install it or have a contractor install it. So the matter will need to be passed as suspension and emergency.

Mr. Breunig asked if this is to implement what was just discussed and is this contingent on that item in other words do we have to expend these funds and hope for reimbursement or are we only expending if we get notice of approval of the grant? Mr. Jacob said we will only do this project if we get notice of approval of the grant. Mr. Breunig said that the legislation will have to reflect that it's contingent upon that. Mr. Jacob said that will be fine.

Mrs. Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. Keys to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to apply for and accept, if offered, the 'said' program.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of applying for, and accept if offered, and enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Agreement through the Ohio EPA for replacement of Lead and Galvanized Service Lines in the City.

(Second round of funding).

REFERRED BY: Water Plant Superintendent Jacob

Mr. Jacob said funds will be available July 1st for this second round of lead service line replacement funding and we need to get our application in as soon as possible. He said that they are in the process of gathering information for the application, as soon as Council approves it, paperwork will go to the mayor and we'll get the application in. John Schneider will get a list of what he thinks the City will be working on in the next couple of years. A list of addresses will be put together for future replacement. They are hoping to be doing 250 to 325 houses.

This is a forgivable loan.

So the matter will need to be passed as suspension and emergency.

Mrs. Davis asked if the area has been decided for the first round?

Mr. Jacob said yes, that was already submitted to the EPA. And once they submit the final paperwork for the second round, they will include the list of streets at that time. They will meet with Engineer Schneider and Water Distribution Dave Rothgery to figure out what streets they want to focus on.

Mrs. Keys asked how they decide which homes will receive these?

Mr. Jacob said it's properties that have lead service lines between the water main and the shut off box.

Mr. Oswald asked, once we get these 1st two rounds taken care of, how many more will we have left?

Mr. Jacob said there are a lot more. We don't know for sure because the records are old and on index cards.

We will have to verify all of the ones that may possibly have those old service lines.

Mr. Breunig said this is a revolving loan account that the City entered into. He asked Mr. Jacob if this is a new agreement that they will be entering into?

Mr. Jacob said, yes, it will be a new agreement, most of the paperwork is already done, it's a matter of changing dates.

Mr. Cerra moved, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to apply for and accept, if offered, the second round of the 'said' program.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

5. The matter of advertising for bids and enter into a contract for the replacement of the Lead and Galvanized service lines in the City. (Second round of funding)

REFERRED BY: Water Plant Superintendent Jacob

Mr. Jacob said this is the second part that needs to be completed once the application is put in. We already have the general specs from the last contract. We just need to update dates and addresses. Then we can advertise for bids and send paperwork to the EPA for approval.

This matter will need to be passed as suspension and emergency.

Mr. Cerra moved, seconded by Mrs. Keys to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to enter into a contract for the second round of the 'said' program.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Chair Mitchell reminded everyone to get their street lists in. The sooner we can get these street lists to Engineer Schneider, perhaps the sooner in the season the residential streets can be repaired.

Mrs. Keys said they received a list of streets and the costs last year.

Mr. Schneider said they will rank the street lists and put together the list.

Mr. Cerra moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn the Meeting at 6:25 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by,

Colleen Rosado, Secretary

(Meeting was attended by Secretary Rosado and Meeting Minutes were Transcribed by Secretary Rosado)