

The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 beginning at 6:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Law Director Deery, Superintendents Sam F. Jacob and Terry Korzan, Police Chief Duane Whitely, Director Carrie Reardon, Council Member Oswald

1. The approval of the April 21st and 28th Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Davis motion, Mrs. Keys seconded to approve the minutes

MOTION CARRIED

2. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bid and to enter into contract for sludge cake disposal.

Mr. Jacobs explained this is an existing contract with Republic that expires in the fall. He is working on getting the specs confirmed, approved and advertised in the summer. Chair Mitchell asked for clarification regarding is this an annual contract. Mr. Jacob explained the contract terms of three on year contract with a renewal for two additional years, the two additional years expire this fall. Mrs. Davis asked for clarification regarding is this an existing contract or a new contract. Mr. Jacobs confirmed this is a new contract that will be going out for bid. Mrs. Davis questioned would an increase be incurred or not in the cost. Mr. Jacobs stated he is uncertain of an increase in rates.

REFERRED BY: Samuel F. Jacob

Mrs. Keys moved, Mr. Cerra seconded to consider the matter of sludge cake from the Water Treatment Process at Water Pumping an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract for sludge cake disposal for a one-year period with an option for two additional one-year periods

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept the first optional year of the existing sludge disposal with Lorain County Landfill.

Mr. Korzan presented the WWPC Plant has the opportunity to select the first optional year of the contract. This is the first time that there has not been a price increase in the first optional year. He is satisfied with the service received from Lorain County Landfill and appreciates that Lorain County Landfill is local. Mr. Cerra asked for clarification of sludge cake and sludge disposal between the two plants, Water Pumping and Waste Water. Mr. Korzan explained they are actually the same, sludge cakes, are being disposed of. Both plants are in need of the same item, contract terms are different. Law Director Deery confirmed the Water Pumping needs a contract and Wastewater Plant has an existing contract with an optional extension which Mr. Korzan is requesting council to exercise which is different from Mr. Jacob's request, the two optional terms have already been exercised and now a new contract is needed. Mrs. Davis requested clarification from Mr. Korzan would the extension cover the year 2022.

Mr. Korzan explained the extension would cover the period of October 1st 2021 through September 30th 2022, monies have been appropriated and no emergency clause is necessary.

Mrs. Davis requested confirmation of the rate increase in year three from \$24.75 to \$25.75. Mr. Korzan confirmed the increase in the optional year is accurate.

REFERRED BY: Terry Korzan

Mr. Cerra moved, seconded by Mrs. Keys to consider the matter of sludge cake from the Waste Water Treatment Plant an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to exercise the first year option of the existing sludge disposal contract with Lorain County Landfill LLC

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of granting the mayor to apply for and accept if awarded the Natureswork 27th Round grant through ODNR

REFERRED BY: SSD Brubaker

Mrs. Reardon requested that this referral be passed as an emergency as it carries a deadline of June 1st. The grant is through ODNR Natureswork to replace the playground equipment at North Park, the project would not exceed \$75,000.00. The required city match is 25%. If the City of Elyria were awarded, our max would be \$18,750.00. This is a reimbursement grant, meaning we would pay up front and then they would pay us back after everything has been completed. We would be looking to use 2022 Issue 6 money as the matching portion. Mrs. Davis asked for clarification of North Park facility as the playground replacement. Mrs. Reardon, confirmed yes, she believes the equipment to be about twenty- five years old and disassembled and pieced together over the years, which has resulted in missing elements in the play structure over time.

Mrs. Davis moved, seconded Mr. Cerra to consider the matter of replacement of playground equipment at North Rec and authorize the Mayor to appl for and accept if awarded the Natureswork 27th round grant through ODNR with an emergency clause.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

5. The matter of establishing an MOU for mutual aid with other county agencies

REFERRED BY: Chief Whitely

Chief Whitely explained that Elyria Police Department has had an active MOU for many years, the current Memorandum was created in the 1990's, it is now time to update them. All of the other cities are well into their council approval process. As a compliment to our Law office, what was submitted to the Association as edits was accepted and moved along to area councils for approval. The Chief is before our council requesting approval so we can move the MOU through. Mrs. Davis state what a wonderful idea this is, she would think everyone would help each other, however recognizes that you have to have an agreement in place to assist one another. She's certain it was a helpful agreement just recently with the Uncle Vic's fire. Chief Whitely confirmed, yes, and explained in order for officers to assist in another city, they must have a rest authority in our city. So signing the MOU, establishes that authority with us and vice versa within their city limits. Madame Chair expressed how wonderful she believes it is that we all work together as well.

Mrs. Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. Keys to consider the mater of mutual aid between law enforcement agencies in Lorain County an ordinance authorizing an agreement with other county agencies and declaring an emergency.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Mr. Cerra moved, seconded by Mrs. Keys to adjourn this evening's Utility, Safety & Environment Meeting at 6:15 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

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