

The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee

held a meeting on **Wednesday, May 10th, 2023** beginning at 6:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Committee Chair Mitchell, Davis, Simmons, Corbin, Oswald

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS: Cerra, Schneider

OTHERS PRESENT: Asst Law Director Breunig, Safety Service Dir Lundy, Engineer McKillips, Waste Water Supt Korzan, WWPC Pre-Treatment Supt Shane Derricot, Asst. Sanitation Manager Wooley

1. Approval of the Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes ~ April 12th, 2023.
Moved by Mrs. Simmons and second by Mr. Oswald to approve said meeting minutes.

2. The matter of entering into a 1-year contract for Sludge Disposal for the WWPC Plant, with the option for 2 additional, 1-year contracts.

Referred By: WWPC Supt. Korzan

Per WWPC Supt. Korzan, this matter is to be removed from the agenda, it has already been completed.

3. The matter of Revisions to Chapter 932 of Elyria Codified Ordinances, (Sewer Use).

Referred By: WWPC Supt. Korzan

Supt. Korzan introduced Shane Derricotte who is the Industrial Pre-Treatment Supervisor. They are looking to revise three sections of Chapter 932. Section 932.01 is definitions and they are looking to add a definition for a centralized waste treatment facility. This definition is taken directly out of the US EPA guidance documents. They are looking to add that definition. It's also important for another section he'll be talking about. Section 932.03 under letter e, on the last page of that section to add 19, any waters or waste from centralized waste treatment facility, which would be listed under general discharge prohibitions. The reason they will do this is because US EPA and Ohio EPA do not regulate centralized waste treatment facilities like they do other industries. They require for them to precipitate out the metals, anything else in that water is allowed to be discharged to our plant. There some organics that are toxic and the plant can't handle, because it's a small plant, we take in 5 million gallons, where as Cleveland and Cincinnati take in over 100 million gallons. The organic compounds can harm the plant. Until the EPA decides to require additional treatment for organics, we are looking to prohibit discharges except for restroom sanitary. The next section is 932.04 states all the facilities that need to have amalgam separators installed, they do. Looking to add paragraph o. to be compliant with a maximum concentration of 4,900 nanograms per liter for mercury in their discharges.

Shane Derricotte does all the sampling; inspections and he works hand in hand with the dental users and he can answer any questions of how this could or could not impact our dental facilities.

The reason for this addition is because Ohio EPA requires us to have our own best management practices for mercury in the discharge to the river, it's called a mercury pollution prevention plan, which we do have. The EPA expects us to continue to work on that plan every year to make it so we can get the mercury discharge from our plant lower over time. We can show Ohio EPA that yes, we are still working on this plan.

Mr. Oswald moved, Mrs. Davis seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the amending of 'said' changes to Chapter 932.

MOTION CARREID COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of an Agreement for the purchase of 3 Side-Loading Sanitation Trucks. Referred By: Sanitation Manager R. Eye

Chair Mitchell said Mr. Eye spoke to the committee a few weeks ago and explained the need for the purchase of these new trucks. She asked if there were any further questions.

Safety Dir Lundy said Bob Wooley from the Sanitation Dept., if anyone has questions for him. He wanted to remind everyone, a couple weeks ago that the Mayor had the opportunity to present to Council some of the items that he felt were important for Council to take a look at as they look at expending the ARPA dollars. The goal is to look at the wide scope of needs in the City and with the hope of getting feedback from Council Members and what they see as needs in the City and the Mayor pointed out after full discussion. Council may still decide on a large purchase, such as these trucks, which would still be warranted. The administration asked to get all the ideas on the table and at the end of the day, if they still decide on the purchase, that is Council's decision. Reminder that we do have until the end of 2024 to decide what to spend it on. The administration has been supportive of Sanitation and will continue to do so. They are just asking Council to take a look at the needs of the City with input from all council members before moving forward on any major purchases, such as this one that is being discussed.

Chair Mitchell said it was decided in Finance and full council that they were going to move forward with this.

Asst Law Dir Breunig said that the decision was made at Finance and Full Council as to the allocation of the funds to make this purchase possible. It needed to come back to this committee to determine the need and the method of purchase and that's what you're here to decide. Just because the money is in the budget, it doesn't follow that it has to be spent, that's the committee's and full council's decision.

Mrs. Davis asked for clarification on the cost of these 3 sanitation trucks.

Chair Mitchell said the cost is \$1,213,873.80 for the 3 trucks.

Bob Wooley confirmed that amount is correct and it's for all 3 sanitation trucks.

Mr. Oswald moved and Mrs. Davis seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into the 'said' agreement to purchase 3 side-loading sanitation trucks. ARPA Funds and Emergency clause.

MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

5. The matter of entering into a contract for the 2023 Street Sweeping Program.

Referred By: Engineer McKillips

Engineer McKillips said they are asking to be able to bid out and enter into a contract for this year's street sweeping program. Funds are allocated in amount of \$220,000, Waste Water and Storm Water Funds. There will be a bid for spring/summer sweeping and possibly a second, as long as it fits in the budget, in the Fall.

Chair Mitchell asked if the construction in the City will hinder the sweeping project?

Engineer McKillips said they will notify the company on what construction projects are taking place and they will avoid those streets and the City won't get charged for those.

Mr. Oswald asked if the City got two sweeps last year?

Engineer McKillips said yes.

Mrs. Simmons moved and Mr. Oswald seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the 'said' project, monies appropriated. Emergency clause.

MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

6. The matter of entering into a contract for the 2023 Wesley Watermain Replacement Project.

Referred By: Engineer McKillips

Engineer McKillips said the need to go out for bids and a contract for this project. It's to replace an existing water line on Wesley, Cleveland St. north to the dead end. Wesley was on the resurfacing list last year and it was pulled to be done after this project. The budget is 1.2 million dollars. Water fund and has been appropriated.

Mr. Oswald asked where the water main is, street or sidewalk?

Engineer McKillips said part of it is in the grass area and part is in the street, not under the sidewalks.

They are hoping to have this project completed before the end of this year.

Mrs. Simmons moved and Mrs. Davis seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the 'said' project, monies appropriated. Emergency clause.

MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

7. The matter of entering into a professional service agreement with AECOM for The Wet Weather Program - Amendment #10.

(This matter was passed by Finance Committee on 4/24).

Referred By: Engineer McKillips

Engineer McKillips said this is the 10th Amendment with AECOM for technical services on our Wet Weather Program. The City's Consent Decree was finalized in January. This year we are working with Waste Water and AECOM to make sure that all the ingredients of our Consent Decree for the first year are in place, which is what AECOM is working on at this time, which includes Project Integration and Coordination and they continue to work on the sewer model to also support the other consultants that require the model for the other projects. They will make sure everything that is required in this first year will be done.

They will also design our plan improvements as part of the consent decree and there are other components required by the consent decree.

The amount is 1.2 million dollars and the funds have been appropriated. There were some funds leftover from last year's amendment.

Mrs. Simmons moved and Mrs. Davis seconded to recommend an ordinance to enter into Amendment No. 10 to the 'said' agreement with AECOM. Monies are appropriated. Emergency clause.

MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

8. The matter of affixing Tiling Infrastructure on Miami Avenue to help relieve flooding issues. *[DISCUSSION ONLY]*

Referred By: Ward 1 Councilman Lipian

Mr. Lipian was not available to attend this evening's meeting and this matter will be placed in 'Pending Items'.

Mr. Oswald moved to adjourn the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting and that motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by,

Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant