

# **The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee**

held a meeting on **Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024** at 6:00 P.M.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Mitchell, Stewart, Armstrong  
Davis, Callahan, Cerra

*Chair Mitchell announced that Mr. Oswald in not be in attendance this evening.*

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Safety Service Dir Pyanowski, Asst Dir Strohsack, Law Dir Breunig,  
Engineer McKillips, CD Manager Almobayyed, Com Dev Dir Scott

## **1. Approval of the January 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes.**

Mrs. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the 'said' meeting minutes.

## **2. The matter of an entering into Amendment #1 for professional services with DLZ, Inc. for the Windward Siphon Improvement Project.**

Referred By: Engineer McKillips

Engineer McKillips said this is to amend the current agreement with DLZ for additional work that needs to be performed on the Windward Siphon Improvement Project. DLZ is designing a replacement sewer system for the Windward siphon. DLZ is also designing a new pump station. They want to make sure that the homes at the bottom of Windward Drive will have the ability to connect to the new sewer. In order to do that they need more geotechnical information. Because of the geographic location it will be difficult to get equipment there, but they will make it work. This amendment will increase the amount by \$78,340. Emergency clause is requested.

**Motion made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Armstrong to authorize the 'said' Amendment with DLZ Inc.**

**MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

## **3. The matter of Change Order #1 for the West Ave Resurfacing Project.**

Referred By: Engineer McKillips

Engineer McKillips said this is a 'cleanup' change order. The project is completed, invoices have been submitted. They're waiting for additional funds to be allocated for the project so they can close it out. The change order is for the amount of \$29,651 and it is for additional asphalt milling and asphalt quantity which was required in order to complete the project.

*There were no questions from the committee.*

**Motion made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Armstrong to authorize an ordinance to enter into the 'said' change order, emergency clause requested.**

**MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

## **4. The matter of a contract with CT Consultants for designing, bidding, and construction services for the Lead Service Line project, phase 4.**

Referred By: Water Team Leader Jacob

Engineer McKillips said this is to bring CT on board for phase 4 of the Lead Service Line replacement program. They worked on the bidding and paperwork for phases 1 thru 3. They are very familiar with our process and the State's process to file the paperwork. The amount is not to exceed \$150,000. Phase 4 is the largest of the four phases.

**Motion made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Armstrong to authorize to enter into a contract with CT Consultants for the 'said project. Emergency clause.  
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**5. The matter of the H2Ohio Rivers Initiative Chloride Reduction Grant.**

Referred By: Mayor Brubaker (*this matter will go to Finance Committee on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>*)

Asst Dir Strohsack explained that we currently buy our road brine, which is a product called aqua salina, that is purchased from a vendor. If we purchase a brine making machine, where we can make our own, it will benefit the City and we will have the equipment to have our own brine. The cost of the brine making machine is \$60,500 which will be paid for with this grant, which is a 100% reimbursable grant. There is \$75,000 allotted to communities that apply for it. The machine they've located is manufactured in Indiana. It's a top-notch machine, the price is \$60,500. You take a loader and load a hopper with the salt that we already have and the machine turns it into a 23.3% density and pumps it out into the tanks on the trucks which are already applying salt. By getting salt off the road, it's easier to prevent ice than to melt the ice. The brine goes down onto the roads as a liquid and actually adheres to the road. Without a brining operation, they put the granular salt on the road, waiting for the snow or ice to freeze and traffic will actually blow it off into the gutters and it gets washed down into the catch basins and eventually into rivers. That's why brine is so important. The funds will only be needed if we are awarded the grant. If we don't receive the grant, it will be paid for with Issue 6 funds / one-half percent income tax fund. The City would be saving money in the long run.

**Motion made by Mr. Stewart and second by Mrs. Davis to authorize an ordinance to apply for and accept the 'said' grant. Emergency clause requested.  
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

*Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn.*

**Mrs. Davis moved to adjourn the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting and that motion was seconded by Mr. Stewart.  
MOTION CARRIES**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.*

**The next Utilities Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 6:00**

*Respectfully Submitted by,  
Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant*