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CITY OF CLOVIS) ss.

The City of Clovis Public Works Committee met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 30th, 2017 in the Assembly Room, Bert Cabiness City Government Center, 321 N. Connelly, in full conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions of said city with the following members present:

Mayor David Lansford, Chairman
Commissioner Fidel Madrid, District 3
Commissioner Chris Bryant, District 4
Mr. Clint Bunch, Public Works Director
Mr. Tom Phelps, Interim City Manager
Mr. Russ Backoff, District 2
Mr. Cliff Kuchta, District 4
Mr. Cliff Martin, District 3
Mr. John King, Clovis Schools

ABSENT:

Mr. George Jones, District 1
Commissioner Gary Elliott, District 2

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Vicki Reyes, Administration
Mr. Bill Kshir, Public Works
Mr. Durwood Billington, Public Works
Mr. Paul Nelson, Information Technology
Mr. Steven Hewett, Information Technology
Mr. Marcus Brice, Code Compliance
Mr. Louis Gordon, Planning & Zoning
Ms. Debbie Abrego, Southwest Cheese
Mr. David North, Southwest Cheese
Mr. Blake Prather

Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of minutes of August 2, 2017

Commissioner Madrid made a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2017 as presented; Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Discussion regarding pilot project at SWC wastewater

Mr. Bunch stated at the last meeting they discussed a possible pilot program to accept the effluent water from SWC. Mr. Billington stated the cost for option A, which is to replace all diffusers at the plant and includes the pipeline, is \$131,172. Need to add \$6,700 for the tie in. No one in Clovis can do this so they are going to bring in a company from Albuquerque. They cannot get to this for at least a month though. Pipe cost is \$8.75 a foot for an SDR 26 and that price changes daily. They found a supplier that will hold the cost until Friday. The total cost between option A and option B is about \$30,000. The equipment will cost \$350,000 and they are estimating \$150,000 for labor for a total replacement.

Mr. Billington stated after the pilot study the issue will be cost. This is a very expensive process. It will have to be manned 24 hours a day 7 days a week and will double the size of his crew. He can remove about 60% of the phosphorus. Those phosphorus numbers will cause problems in the reuse project, particularly if EPCOR is coming on board.

Mr. Billington stated with the current ordinance the costs are going to start at 600 a day. He did not believe Southwest Cheese was willing to pay those daily costs if this works. They can change the formula and drop the prices, but after discussion they believe those costs are not high enough. They do not have a limit on the permit, yet. The issue is going to be the ponds.

Mayor Lansford stated 50,000 gallons a day is a small amount. Mr. Billington stated he was not experienced enough in phosphorus removal to know what he can do. He does not feel confident saying he can treat a million gallons a day.

Commissioner Madrid asked if they could build a tank to put the phosphorus water in. Mr. Billington stated once EPCOR comes into the picture they will not want phosphorus. They are looking at four ponds they will have to cover eventually. At best he can be ready for the pilot study in 6-8 weeks.

Commissioner Bryant stated he would like to see them get to a point that they can take this water, but he doesn't want it to lead to other problems down the line. He asked Mr. Billington what his recommendation was. Mr. Billington stated the treatment can be done if the money is available. Commissioner Bryant asked if they should try the pilot program first. Mr. Billington stated he would like the opportunity to try, but his only issues are spending \$107,000 and then Southwest Cheese is not willing to pay treatment costs if this works. If everyone is willing to spend that money then they will try to make it work.

Commissioner Madrid asked if the city could use the water from Southwest Cheese to irrigate and inject the clean water into a separate pipeline. Mr. Billington stated they would have to install another pipeline and the cost would be roughly \$600,000 a mile. Mr. Bunch stated they could reuse the pipeline and the diffuser so it would not be a loss of anything, but would be a loss of their time and effort only. Mr. Billington stated they can use the pipeline to pull from the 40 acre lagoon.

Mr. Phelps stated they need the water. They need to stop talking about how they are going to do something and figure out what is going to work for everyone. He asked if Southwest Cheese would be willing to pay for half of the trial. He also asked if they could bring in a consultant to figure out the best way to get this done, otherwise they will just continue to talk about it. Mr. Billington stated they have been talking about this for 12 years. Mayor Lansford stated the pilot project will confirm many things they already know. They have to get the phosphorus down. The long term solution is that they want the water and they need to be honest about the capital and operational costs. They will have to deal with the total package at some point or give it up entirely. He stated they need an engineer to put together a picture of how this will all come together.

Mr. North stated if they keep looking back they are never going to get this done. There has to be a market for the water at the end of it. Unless they can get it to work for both parties he does not know where they are going to go.

Mr. Billington stated once they go to the max design they will be making somewhere around \$36,000 a month income and that will cover part of the costs of the treatment.

Mayor Lansford stated the best suggestion is from Mr. Phelps and that is to ask a consultant to come up with a plan that makes it work. He is not concerned about market prices on pipe. He stated they need to press on with the \$107,000. They need to give something to the city commission so that they can make decision. He asked who the engineer was at southwest cheese. Ms. Abrego stated it was CDM but they are switching over to HDR.

Commissioner Madrid made a motion to move forward with \$107,000; Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Lansford stated at one point they met with two engineering firms. Ms. Abrego stated they have had one engineering firm out of Colorado that is very familiar with their water so that may help. Mayor Lansford stated they could get a task order narrative put together to distribute to a number of engineering firms. Mr. Bunch stated he agreed and they won't know anything until they try. Mr. North stated they will commit 50% as an obligation. Upon a roll call vote, with all voting in the affirmative, the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Discussion regarding 2017/2018 residential paving projects

Mr. Bunch stated the Public Works department has \$300,000 available for residential paving projects across the city. He asked for 5-6 streets prioritized by the committee members and for them to bring these back at the next meeting so they can decide which ones to work on. Mayor Lansford asked if they could let anyone not present know about this.

Agenda Item No. 6 - Discussion and recommendation regarding excessive amounts of debris in city alleys

Mr. Bunch stated this is getting worse around town. Mr. Kshir has the existing ordinance for residential trash collecting and dumping. A lot needs to be changed. They need to get with other cities to see how they are handling this. As of January 1 residents are allowed to dump for free. They are down 10-20% on their man power at all times. They get 500-600 calls a month complaining about debris in their alleys.

Mayor Lansford stated the biggest challenge is that people dump their trash in an alley that isn't their own. He did not know how they deal with that though. If they are caught dumping illegally that needs to be included in the ordinance. He asked if they need to hire a contractor to help with this. Mr. Phelps stated any changes will be tasked to Code Compliance and it is a significant challenge to them. Mr. Brice stated he did not know how to rewrite the ordinance to enforce people dumping behind their house. Unless they see it being done it is next to impossible to enforce. Mr. Bunch stated they run into it all the time.

Commissioner Bryant asked if they could do some public service announcements regarding this. He stated if this problem continues then it will lead to a possible increase in rates for pickup. Commissioner Madrid stated they may need to work out something with county as well. Commissioner Bryant stated they have to get this under control. Mayor Lansford stated they may have to add another sticker stating to report illegal dumping to a specific phone number.

Mr. Bunch stated there are several areas that contradict themselves in the ordinance. Mr. Kshir stated there are items in the ordinance that are contradicting or that they do not do. If they are going to try to enforce what they can they need to have a policies and procedures on how they are going to handle this.

Commissioner Bryant asked if they could put some public service announcements together while they are working on the ordinance. Mr. Phelps stated they could. Mayor Lansford stated the announcement needs to be educational as well. They may want to think about putting in convenience centers for the larger items. Mr. Bunch stated they do have transfer stations in bigger cities.

Commissioner Bryant made a motion to update the ordinance and send it straight to the city commission; Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Update on current projects

City Update

Sugar Beet Road will be open today. They are patching behind the parking lot side of Cooks. Mayor Lansford stated he wanted them to know how much they appreciate the public works department.

Mr. Backoff asked why it was so hard to get help for public works. Mr. Bunch stated starting pay is a problem. They are the lowest paid. There is also a drug test issue.

Clovis Municipal Schools Update

Mr. King stated they are currently on punch list with 7 projects. The high school rock restrooms are 65% and Parkview is 20% complete. Highland just completed the program statement and are scheduling schematic design meetings in the next week or two. Lydick Engineering, Formative Architecture and Huitt Zollars have all been awarded bids to do various projects. The RFP was due yesterday for the effluent water re-use.

Agenda Item No. 8 - For the good of the order

Mr. Bunch stated Commissioner Madrid was concerned about a cross walk on 21st. They are working on the process. Since it is a 4 lane roadway it is not legal to do that so they are coming up with an idea of a pedestrian island.

The school flasher at the freshman academy should have power shortly. That was an agreement between the schools and the city.

Agenda Item No. 9 - Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Chairman

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City Clerk