

CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 235 W Chestnut Street, (Fire Station) Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL

March 9, 2021

COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - The Genesee City Council met March 9, 2021. Mayor, Steve Odenborg, called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

ROLL CALL – Present at the meeting, Mayor Steve Odenborg, Council Member Nyla Roach, Maintenance Dustin Brinkly and Drew Waits, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Debi Zenner. VIA ZOOM: Council Members John Hermann, Bill Krick and Cody Bailey, and City Attorney Jennifer Douglass

VISITORS: Ryan Rehder, Terrence Stevenson, Brian Donaldson, and Stuart Hurley from Mountain Waterworks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Project Update-Ryan Rehder from Mountain Waterworks-gave an update on the Water Project and hoped this would be a good format for these discussions.

Update: USDA funding, a letter of conditions was issued, the Mayor signed and funding should be available next week. Emergency funding won't need to be used. Well drillers are waiting on pipe materials and hoping to have everything here next week. The drilling pad will need to be constructed, and Roach Construction should have this done by the end of the week. This will help with getting the equipment to the drilling site. John wondered if we would get the reservoir site ready in the meantime and Bill asked if we would begin at the reservoir, regardless of what we find at the first site? Ryan wants to just focus on this first site at this time, but after we determine whether or not there is water, we will continue on at the reservoir, it just makes sense to save on the mobilization costs. Question if the timeline on the Well would still be July? Ryan thinks we are still looking at the July timeline, but that might be a stretch, could be August.

Wastewater Project Update – Presentation by Ryan Rehder-Mountain Waterworks: Ryan went through the presentation slides. In this first part of the project we have been focused mostly on the land acquisition phase. Mt Waterworks is tasked with preliminary engineering and permitting for the project. Terrence has done most of the technical work on this. Lift station in the Ballfield, where the sewer is currently collected and flows to the lagoon where there is another lift station. Ammonia, Phosphorus and Temperature were the new limits the city received that we could not meet. Working on moving from the Ballfield lift station to the new site, Mt Waterworks came up with five options to move the sewage to the new lagoon site. **Option 1:** includes a new lift station at Garfield Street and Cow Creek Road, going up to Chestnut Street to the new manhole, as well as a new line on Oak Street to pick up the Fire Station, PNW, RV Dump Station and Edwards. **Option 2:** would go along existing line and connect to the existing Ballfield lift station. **Option 3:** would include the new lift station at Cow Creek, install a new sewer line and connect to the Ballfield lift station, which is by far the most expensive. **Option 4:** would be a gravity flow sanitary sewer and **Option 5:** the new sewer line would essentially run cross country to the new treatment site.

Discussed the test holes dug at the new lagoon site and everything checked out really well for the construction. Three new treatment lagoons will be constructed. Winter months, we would continue to discharge into cow creek. Tertiary Ammonia Removal construction was discussed by Terrence; also Disinfection system: chlorine and ultraviolet: lot of benefits using chlorine; Overland Flow System: For summer operation; Options for Discharge into Cowcreek: run through neighboring fields, following current drainage ditch, but could not use the ditch. The Option they are recommending is putting pipe on Alder Street and Oak Street, the nice thing about doing it this way is the effluent pipe could share the same trench. Mountain Waterworks recommends Option #1. It would get rid of a lot of sewer line on Cow Creek Road, which contributes to the Inflow and Infiltration issues, which is the treated water that goes into cow Creek.

Funding Summary: Ryan went over the funding summary: Between the grant and the bond, we have approximately \$7,188,000 for the project. Probable cost could end up to be over 10 million. Instead of raising rates, we could try and find additional funding; possibly through Grants? Possibly give us more time to de-commission the current system, which has to be done, but maybe at a later date? Possibly save money on removing the headworks?

Cody is concerned with still discharging into Cow Creek and maybe DEQ increasing our limits, even more down the road. Ryan feels from an engineering standpoint that this is a robust option and will last for many years and is the best option for Genesee, including 1% population growth.

Construction of the new lagoon could begin at the end of the year or first part of 2022. There were discussions about the increased cost. Ryan discussed several options the City may use for additional funding. Trimming project costs could be the next option.

Since Cow Creek flows into the Palouse River, it goes along with Washington State water quality standards, which are stricter than Idaho.

Sewer Lift Station Alternative Selection-Bryan Donaldson gave a complete and thorough explanation of each Option and why they feel Option 1 is the very best option for Genesee to consider. Motion made by Cody, seconded by Bill to go with the recommended Option 1, by Mountain Waterworks; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Roach, Hermann, Bailey, Krick; Ayes, motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT-Motion made by John, seconded by Nyla, to adjourn at 7:58pm. **VOICE VOTE: Ayes; motion carried.**

Nyla Roach, President of Council
Steve Odenborg, Mayor

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