

SPECIAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2009

5:32 P.M.

Attendees: Bill Lovett, Barry Brown, Charlie Brewer, George Reese, Joe Wilson, Diane Schleicher, Bill Nicholson, Jeff George, and Bubba Hughes.

New Business:

- I. Jeff George, Utility Service Company, Perry, Georgia
 - A. Water Tank Repainting – Power Point Presentation
Utility Service Company has been taking care of the City's 150,000 gallon elevated leg tank on Fort St. since 1995. Since then many antennas have been added causing a problem for maintenance of the tank. Some wires to the antennas are on the ladder rather than on the inside of the tank's legs. This particularly causes a problem when repainting the tank. Also, the tank has been painted so many times that it would be useless to continue to paint over the existing paint. Mr. George recommends that the current paint on the tank should be blasted off, and then using a zinc primer before painting again. This service is not included in the current contract and Utility Service Company will charge \$105,000 for the service. Mr. George says the cost can be added to the contract over a period of 5 years rather than the city paying all at once. Charlie Brewer asks Mr. George for a report that specifically describes the safety issues with the tank. The Committee would like to find out who owns the antennas and look into their contracts. The Committee also wants to make clear specifications for installing antennas and wires on the tanks.

- II. MICHAEL PAPPAS WELL
 - A. Contact:
 1. Bill Freshette, EPD
b_freshette@dnr.state.ga.us
Phone (404) 675-1680
 - B. The well is located in the Ft. Screven area. The Army dug it many years ago. It is unclear how much it is currently pumping. EPD would have a hard time permitting this, because they do not have very much information about the well.

- III. OMI Contract – Renew Contractor and/or Hire Class II Plant Operator
 - A. OMI continues to raise their rates. Currently the city pays OMI to send

one of their employees to do this job at a less than part time rate of service. George Reese believes it would benefit the City to hire someone to do this job that would also work full time and be able to help the department in other aspects as well as training other employees. It would cost about \$70,000 plus benefits to hire this employee. This has already been budgeted for. OMI only requires 30 days notice to get out of the contract. Charlie Brewer motions to put on Council Agenda to hire a new Class II Plant Operator for the Water Department and use the 30 day out plan for the contract with OMI. Barry Brown seconded the motion.

Old Business:

IV. 14th STREET DRAINAGE

A. DNR Permit Update

1. DNR is concerned there are issues that may surface. The City may receive the Letter of Approval by next week. HGBD and Bubba Hughes want to meet with Mr. Hand to discuss changes that may appeal to DNR.

B. Utility Relocation Schedules

1. Georgia Power – Tomorrow or Monday
2. AT&T – Following Georgia Power
3. Comcast – Following Georgia Power also

II. FT. SCREVEN WATERLINES

A. Change Order # 2

1. To be approved by Council 7/23/09

B. North Campbell Waterline

1. 8” Line - \$56,530.00 estimated by the Contractor
2. 12” Line - \$76,680.00 estimated by the Contractor
3. The Committee would like a final cost for everything.

C. Coupon Letter

1. Bubba Hughes will prepare a letter to the Contractor requesting a Five Year Guarantee or Bond with Security.

At 6:25 P.M. Charlie Brewer moved to adjourn the meeting. Barry Brown seconded.

A quorum of City Council Members may be present which would constitute a meeting.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Jackie Cary.