

MINUTES
PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

March 14, 2016

After determining that a quorum of the Public Utilities Board of the City of Denton, Texas is present, the Chair of the Public Utilities Board will thereafter convene into an open meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Service Center Training Room at the City of Denton Service Center, 901 A Texas Street, Denton, Texas.

Present: Chair Randy Robinson, Vice Chair Phil Gallivan, Barbara Russell, Lilia Bynum, Brendan Carroll and Susan Parker

Absent: Charles Jackson

Ex Officio Members: George Campbell, City Manager and Howard Martin, ACM Utilities

OPEN MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. PUB16-046** - Consider recommending approval of amending the Pecan Creek Water Reclamation Plant process model contract with Hazen and Sawyer engineers for additional testing and optimization of the ferric feed for phosphorous removal, and the rehabilitation of the existing Raw Wastewater Pump Station Number 2 to add \$124,650 to the contract for a total amount of the amended contract not to exceed \$282,175.

Board Member Russell pulled this item for more information. P.S. Arora gave an overview of the project that included testing for phosphorus and calculations to the model.

Board Member Russell motioned to approve item A with a second by Board Member Carroll, Vote 6-0 approved.

- B. PUB16-048** - Consider recommending adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Cooperative Purchasing Network for the acquisition of one (1) Backhus model A60 compost turner for the City of Denton Beneficial Reuse Department; and providing an effective date (File 6077-awarded to Ecoverse in the amount of \$463,693).
- C. PUB16-050** - Consider recommending approval of an amendment to the annual concrete repair and installation services contract with Floyd Smith Concrete, Inc (Contract #5241) to add \$475,000 for reconstruction of two road segments at the Pecan Creek Water Reclamation Plant for an amended contract amount of \$10,475,000.
- D. PUB16-052** - Consider recommending retroactive confirmation and approval of "Declaration of an Emergency" and associated cost for the emergency repair of a 27 inch potable water transmission main to Forterra Pipeline Services, Grand Prairie, Texas in the amount of \$57,378.00. (File 6061)

Board Member Gallivan motioned to approve items B, C, and D with a second by Board Member Parker, Vote 6-0 approved.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. PUB16-047 - Consider recommending approval of the Public Utilities Board Meeting minutes of February 22, 2016

Approved with correction

B. PUB16-051 - Receive a report, hold a discussion and consider recommending retroactive confirmation and approval of a “Declaration of an Emergency” and associated cost in the amount of \$345,658.25 for the replacement of the 2.0 Million Gallon McKenna Park water storage tank roof to Pittsburg Tank and Tower Company, Incorporated.

Tim Fisher gave an overview of the emergency project that included a timeline of the events and photographs.

Carroll asked if the roof had structural issues where the rafters were rusting out. Fisher answered there were some but not much. There are holes where the Cathodic Protection System is mounted. One of the photographs show the holes, they are not rusted out that is where the system hangs from the roof. They are sealed with a caulking system.

Carroll asked if the tank is empty currently. Fisher answered it has been put back in service temporarily.

Bynum asked how old is the tank. Fisher answered it was installed in 1951. Bynum asked how long is projected use for the tank. Fisher answered steel tanks are from 50 to 100 years depending on the maintenance. It is currently 65 years old, the sidewalls and the floor have heavy steel and are in decent shape.

Gallivan asked if there is an inspection process every five years, the pictures look very bad. Fisher answered those tanks are inspected with a pull down inspection approximately every five years. The rafters themselves are 70 feet from the bottom and there isn't a good way to inspect them.

Bynum asked, it is about half a million to replace the roof, how much to replace the entire tank. Fisher answered it would be around two to three million dollars.

Robinson asked if it is the oldest tank in use. Fisher answered yes it was built in 1969. The next one at Roselawn was built in 2003.

Russell asked when something like this happens, does staff look at repairs versus replacement to see if this is money well spent. Fisher answered as a tank gets older it is good practice to pull down inspections and a professional assessment and weigh the economics. In this case that was not done. The rafter system had the issues.

Bynum stated with the repairs the life could be extended extensively. Fisher answered with a new roof and repainting the system the life will easily be extended 25 years.

Board Member Russell motioned to approve item B with a second by Board Member Bynum, Vote 6-0 approved.

A. PUB16-049 - ACM Update

1. Water Sampling for Regulatory Requirements -
2. Customer Service - On-Line Utility Payments
3. 1st Quarter Financial Report
4. Sidney Allison Award
5. Matrix

Matrix same

CLOSED MEETING

B. PUB16-044 - Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters - Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.086; and Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071.

Receive a presentation from Denton Municipal Electric (“DME”) staff regarding certain public power competitive, financial and commercial information relating to issues regarding support, implementation and operation of its Energy Risk Management Policy that deals with bidding and pricing information for purchased power, generation and fuel, and Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) bids, prices, offers and related services and strategies. Consultation with the City’s attorneys regarding legal issues associated with the Energy Risk Management Policy where a public discussion of these legal matters would conflict with the duty of the City’s attorneys to the City of Denton and the Denton City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, or would jeopardize the City’s legal position in any potential litigation. Discuss, deliberate, and provide staff with direction.

C. PUB16-045 - CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEYS --- Under Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.071. DELIBERATIONS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY --- Under Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.072.

Discuss, deliberate and receive information from staff and provide staff with direction pertaining to the potential purchase of certain real property interests out of the Gideon Walker Survey, Abstract 1330, also known as Lot 1, Block 1, Tower Addition, an addition to the City of Denton, in Denton County, Texas, and located generally in the 900 block of South Mayhill Road, Denton, Texas. Consultation with the City’s attorneys regarding legal issues associated with the potential acquisition or condemnation of the real property interests described above where a public discussion of these legal matters would conflict with the duty of the City’s attorneys to the City of Denton and the Denton City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, or would jeopardize the City’s legal position in any administrative proceeding or potential litigation. (Mayhill Road - 10 acre tract acquisition - Solid Waste Department)

CONCLUDING ITEMS

Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Public Utilities Board or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting AND Under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

Adjournment 10:42 a.m.