



Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Committee

9 November 2021

5:30 P.M.

(Or immediately following Equipment Committee Session)

This is a Virtual Meeting

Committee: Chairman Mark Kinion; Council Member Sloan Scroggin, Council Member Teresa Turk, Council Member D'Andre Jones,

Copy to: Mayor Lioneld Jordan, Paul Becker, Kara Paxton, Susan Norton, Chris Brown, Alan Pugh, Terry Gulley, Peter Nierengarten, Jeff Coles, Brian Pugh, Mark Rogers, Corey Granderson, Aaron Watkins, Greg Weeks, Monty Sedlak, Andrea Foren, Anna White, Prabha Kumar, Rupa Jha

From: Tim Nyander, Utilities Director

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

UPDATES

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review Draft Report of the Rate Study

The Committee has had the report for a couple weeks. Representatives from Black & Veatch will be zoomed in to discuss and answer questions about the report.

STAFF REQUESTS THIS BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

2. Update on the Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) at the West Side WWTP

The TRE is being conducted at the West side Plant to determine what actions are necessary to achieve compliance with water-quality based effluent limits by reducing toxicity. This plan was approved by ADEQ in April 2021. Discussion on the activities to date.

INFORMATION ONLY

3. South Garland Water Line Improvements

This project will reconstruct aging and failing waterline infrastructure along South Garland Avenue from West Walker Street to Cato Springs Road. The existing 6-inch diameter cast iron pipe will be replaced with 8-inch diameter PVC pipe, including replacement of fire hydrants and service connections. Total length of replacements is approximately 2,600 feet. The project was designed and permitted through Garver Engineers who will be providing onsite observations and other required construction phase services.

On November 9th, 2021, the City of Fayetteville will accept sealed competitive bids for the South Garland Avenue Waterline Replacement project. The bids will be shared during the Water/Sewer Committee presentation and a recommendation made at that time.

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4. Recruitment and Retention Pay for Water & Sewer Construction Group

Due to the current economic climate caused by the pandemic and other factors, we have experienced employees leaving city employment, and very few, if any, people applying for the open positions on our construction side of the department. There are two main reasons they are leaving, (1) there is more money being offered by the private sector for the same type of job, and (2) the employees that remain are getting stressed because of all the hours they are putting in to cover vacancies and keep up with the workload.

After careful evaluation, the most viable option is to offer pay incentives to retain our existing employees and to recruit new employees. We will discuss with the committee our proposed recruitment and retention plan.

5. Overview of WWTP Monthly Report

Discussion of September's Monthly WWTP Report

PRESENTATIONS

ATTACHMENTS

Draft Rate Study
TRE Activities Report
South Garland Waterline Improvements
September WWTP Monthly Report

ADJOURN

Next Water, Sewer, Solid Waste Committee meets on
Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 5:30 p.m.