



Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Committee

14 March 2023

5:30 P.M.

(Or immediately following City Council Agenda Session)

This is a Virtual Meeting

Committee: Council Member Teresa Turk, Council Member D'Andre Jones, Council Member Mike Wiederkehr, Council Member Scott Berna

Copy to: Mayor Lioneld Jordan, Paul Becker, Susan Norton, Kara Paxton, Kit Williams, Chris Brown, Alan Pugh, Terry Gulley, Ross Jackson, Peter Nierengarten, Brian Pugh, Corey Granderson, Aaron Watkins, Cody Ashworth, Greg Weeks, Jan Guy, Chris Buntin, Marson Nance

From: Tim Nyander, Utilities Director

CALL TO ORDER

UPDATES

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. West Side Prairie Agreement

In February 2020, the City Council approved a 3-year contract with the Northwest Arkansas Land Trust (NWALT) for habitat restoration and management of the 41 acre West Side Prairie, which is located just North of the West Side Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The Northwest Arkansas Land Trust was selected because of their expertise in habitat restoration. Their charge in 2020 was to assess the site for ecological values and to utilize adaptive restoration strategies for native tall grass prairie and savannah species. Additionally, NWALT would also improve public accessibility.

This new contract is for 12 months of work and in addition to the above, includes employing a variety of plant management techniques to control invasive and exotic plant species on the site.

Funds are available in the Wetlands bank construction capital project within the Water & sewer fund.

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

2. Easements for Construction of an Elkins Sewer Lift Station

The City of Fayetteville and City of Elkins have an agreement for both water and sewer services. The City of Elkins operates their own water and wastewater systems, purchasing water wholesale from Fayetteville and metering sewer wholesale from a lift station and metering site east of Lake Sequoyah. Elkins is in the process of upgrading their sewer lift station and the downstream force main that transports the wastewater to Fayetteville’s system. These upgrades are needed to reduce wet weather sewer overflows and accommodate growth in their system.

Temporary and permanent utility easement is needed for the Elkins sewer lines across several City of Fayetteville parcels as shown in the attached exhibits. These areas are generally north of Highway-16 in the vicinity of Lake Sequoyah. Staff recommends approval of the easements as requested.

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3. 11th Street Waterline Cost Share

Infill development is proposed by 11th St Cottages, LLC south of 11th Street between S. Washington Avenue and S. Beebalm Ave. (parcel 765-03341-000). The site is approximately 0.66-ac, currently vacant, and is zoned RIU. The developer proposes to build 9 cottages in a cluster housing development. In order to service these houses, they will need to install a water line from Washington Ave to the corner of the subject property, approximately 174-ft, and then extend it in along the frontage of the property to the middle of the property, an additional approximately 62-ft, for a total of 236-ft.

This waterline would also benefit any future development east and north of this project site. The developer seeks the Water & Sewer Committee’s feedback on this cost share to inform their next steps of detailed engineering, permitting, and contractor quotes. 11th St Cottages, LLC requests a 50% cost share on this waterline installation. Preliminary engineering estimates provided by Community By Design total \$88,642.40 for the project. However, exact cost share amounts would be presented at a future date based on a contractor low bid.

INFORMATION ONLY

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4. Overview of WWTP Monthly Report

January 2023 Monthly WWTP Report

PRESENTATIONS

ATTACHMENTS

NWALT Scope of Services
Elkins Easement Exhibit 1
Elkins Easement Exhibit 2
Elkins Easement Exhibit 3
11th St. Cost Share Proposal
January 2023 WWTP Report

ADJOURN

Next Water, Sewer, Solid Waste Committee meets on
Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.