

SANITARY BOARD

May 5, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE MEETING OF THE SANITARY BOARD FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE CHARLESTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH MAYOR TREVA HODGES PRESIDING.

Board members present were: Ryan Hodskins and Nathan Grimes. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Donna Coomer and Attorney Beau Zoeller.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

Treva Hodges entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Ryan Hodskins, second by Nathan Grimes. Passed 3-0.

Standing Business

Treva Hodges entertained a motion to approve the minutes from April 21 and April 26 executive session, the payroll voucher from April 17 to April 30, and the claims. Motion made by Nathan Grimes, second by Ryan Hodskins. Passed 3-0.

Public Comment-none

Mittera Sewer Measurement Adjustment Request

Attorney Beau Zoeller has drafted an agreement. He is also working on a separate policy to address the issue with industrial customers that do not discharge water into the sewer system.

Employment Offer - new director

The offer for the licensed operator candidate is \$97,000 per year with 4 weeks of vacation. There were also some scheduled vacation dates: June 13-17 and September 22-23 he will be granted.

Lori Wyatt with JTL will assist with the notification to IDEM regarding the new operator if the offer is accepted.

Treva Hodges entertained a motion to approve the offer for the new operator. Motion made by Nathan Grimes, second by Ryan Hodskins. Passed 3-0.

Regarding the other 2 positions, offers have been extended to 2 current employees with experience in wastewater. One was a “no”, but the other is considering. There has also been another interview for a candidate with experience in collection systems and a current CDL, she is just waiting on the response from the current employee.

Operator's Update

Cristiani is currently fixing leaks for the digester piping following issues getting sludge removed from the holding tanks.

Engineering Update

Lori Wyatt with JTL provided an engineering update. Anti-degradation study is nearly complete which is a necessary step to consider alternate outfall. This will reduce construction costs between 1/2 - 2 million dollars, including eliminating the effluent pump station which will provide more future cost savings. IDEM seemed agreeable to the solution.

The relocation of the Highway 62 pump station conversation is ongoing with Redevelopment. Next week they will have draft work orders. The project will move the pump station across the street which opens more opportunity to realign the force main.

JTL held the second design workshop with subcontractor. They are modifying the site which will provide more cost savings by reducing rock excavation and utilize natural contours.

Flow monitoring is ongoing. They are waiting on the second month of data.

JTL received an update on the agreed order this week.

Grant Update

Mayor Hodges provided funding updates. She and JTL visited the IFA on April 26. They recommended adding parts of the collection system that service distressed communities to the SRF application. Jill with the Wheatley Group is putting together a salary survey to determine which customers that affects.

The Council passed a resolution allowing the sewer department to be reimbursed for treatment plant expenses following the issuance of bonds.

Notice was received Monday that the treatment plant project was green lighted by the IEDC for the READI grant. It was found to be favorable and there were no issues. The next step is for the RDA to execute the grant agreement. Then the City's project, along with others, will be submitted for RDA funding approval.

Adjournment

Treva Hodges entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Ryan Hodskins, second by Nathan Grimes. Passed 3-0.

TREVA HODGES, MAYOR

DATE

ATTEST:

DONNA COOMER, CLERK TREASURER

DATE