

CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN
Minutes of City Council Work Session
Monday, October 10, 2016

PRESENT: Councilmembers Bolt, Burrill, Pastoor, Vanderwood, VerHulst, Voorhees and Mayor Poll

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Holt, Carmody, Dooley, Isakson, Lark, Oostindie, Sluiter and Vandenberg

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Bolt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. Student Recognition

None.

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

4. Water Transmission & Intake Pipelines

Dooley reviewed the various pipelines used as part of Wyoming's water delivery system and discussed trends in water use, noting industrial and residential growth and how that positions the City in terms of future utility needs and improvements.

The City worked with Black & Veatch in 2001 to evaluate future needs of the City's water delivery system and identified four major recommendations including expansion of the water treatment plant, addition of a second raw water pipeline, addition of a second intake pipeline and addition of a booster pump station along the transmission lines. Dooley reviewed each of these recommendations, noting the completion of the expansion of the water treatment plant and the addition of a second raw water pipeline in 2010.

Dooley explained the remaining recommendations were put on hold partially because of the significant investment in expanding the plant, but also due to limited water demand. Black & Veatch was asked to review these recommendations in the fall of 2015 to assess whether these recommendations were still appropriate. Based on their review, Black & Veatch recommends moving ahead on the second intake line. A second line will provide backup to the original line, that while in good condition, is 50 years old. In addition, the project itself will take approximately 5 years to complete due to the extended time needed to secure permits and a couple of construction seasons to put the pipe in the water. The second part of their recommendation suggested not moving ahead with the booster pump station, but to instead look

at constructing a third transmission pipeline. Dooley outlined the benefits in constructing a third transmission line, including long term cost, phased construction and financing opportunities and increased flexibility and redundancy in the system. Demand for water will determine the timing of this project, but is not anticipated until 2024.

For now, staff recommends pursuing construction of a second intake pipeline without further delay and will plan to bring an engineering proposal to the City Council in early January to begin this process. Dooley also intends to bring a resolution to Council soon to declare a piece of property as surplus. The property had been held in anticipation of building a booster pump station. By declaring it surplus, the City can solicit bids and find a suitable buyer.

Council supports moving these items forward.

5. Proposed Amendments to the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance

Lark presented information on the proposed fire ordinance amendments, noting changes have been made to reflect the public safety model within the definitions section, changes to the appeals process and moving to the 2012 International Fire Code. The appeals process has previously required appeals to be heard by the City Council and it is proposed that appeals should go before the Construction Board of Appeals. Moving to the 2012 International Fire Code, will bring Wyoming up to date and allow us to work from the same requirements as neighboring jurisdictions.

Vanderwood asked for clarification of the appeals process.

Sluiter indicated the desire to remove council from administrative appeals, similar to how other appeals are handled. In addition, these boards require specific expertise and in this case would call upon a fire representative to serve when these appeals come before the board.

There was brief discussion regarding the status of this board.

Council supports moving this item forward.

6. Any Other Matters

None.

7. Acknowledgement of Visitors/Public Comment

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kelli A. VandenBerg, City Clerk