

SPECIAL MEETING:

The La Cygne City Council met on Monday, November 2, 2020 at the La Cygne City Hall, 206 Commercial Street, La Cygne, KS. Council Members present were: Danny Curtis; James Thies; Jerome Mitzner; and Thomas Capp. (Absent – Logan Smith)

Others in attendance included, but not limited to: City Clerk Jodi Wade; City Attorney Burton Harding; Linn County Newspaper Tony Furse (via speaker phone); and Public Works Superintendent Dan Nasalroad.

MAYOR DEBRA WILSON CALLED THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 p.m.

Mayor's Comments

a] Mayor Wilson thanked the community for a fun Halloween. Everyone did a great job decorating, setting up trunk-or-treats, and being safe. Mayor Wilson thanked the La Cygne Fire Department for serving hot dogs and chili.

The Purpose the Special Meeting was called for:

❖ **WATER TREATMENT PLANT SETTLING PONDS**

Mayor Wilson indicated the purpose for meeting tonight was to review the contract submitted by Midwest Engineering Group, LLC to perform the design services to rehabilitate the existing settling pond and the expansion of a new settling pond for the Water treatment plant. Mayor Wilson turned the discussion over to Public Works Superintendent (PWS) Dan Nasalroad.

PWS Nasalroad contacted Daniel Coltrane with MW Engineering Group, LLC to review the existing settling pond conditions and to walk the proposed site for the expansion of a new settling pond. The Public Works and Council have been observing the condition of the banks for the past couple of years. Danny Coltrane tried to determine the cause for the erosion. Danny Coltrane brought some plat maps and aerials to review some possible layouts for adding a new pond and the connections between the existing pond and the water treatment plant. Discussion was held with the engineer regarding the estimated costs for the project and the potential funding. PWS Nasalroad shared some background information about MW Engineering group and the projects

PWS Nasalroad reviewed some estimated costs which would be involved in a settling pond project, such as: design services for both expansion and rehab; Geotech boring services; Environmental mitigation; SWPPP; Surveying; Legal services; and Bidding and Construction administration. Danny Coltrane with MW Engineering submitted a phased services contract for the Council to consider. The following design service cost were listed:

- \$19,000 for Design services (Expansion)
- \$10,500 for Design services (Rehab)
- \$6500 for Pre-design Geotechnical boring services
- \$4500 for Pre-design SWPPP
- \$2500 for Reimbursables Expenses

Other items listed on the contract were for construction services which were not applicable at this time. The Contract indicates the client shall initial and date any one or all Board approved services.

Council Member Curtis inquired about the funding for the design services and a potential settling pond project. CC Wade presented City financial statements for the past five years, a current Treasurer report and the 2020 Budget fund page for the Water utility. For the past 4 years, the water utility has operated within the budget amount of approx. \$420,000 - \$450,000 with approximately a cash receipt exceedance amount of \$30,000 - \$38,000 each year. The current cash on hand amount for the Water utility is \$839,124. CC Wade is proposing to use "cash on hand" for a 2021 Settling pond project. If the estimated cost is in the range of \$375,000 - \$490,000 then it would make sense to use the cash on hand instead of adding to the debt level of the city. The City has improved the water mains, meters, tower and access panels in the water plant to date. Improving the settling ponds would be one of the last remaining big-ticket items for the water utility. By expanding the ponds, the city would have more improved maintenance operation for de-sludging and an increased capacity for stored water if there was an issue with the Marais des Cygne River.

PWS Nasalroad estimated the design would take a few months. Upon review of the design concept and estimated cost, the Council would then decide if the city should move forward with an improvement project for the settling ponds.

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Capp motioned for the Mayor to initial the Midwest Engineering Group, LLC scope of services for Design (Expansion), Design (Rehab), Pre-design Geotechnical services, SWPP and to sign the contract. Council Member Curtis seconded. Passed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Mitzner moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Capp, passed 4-0. Time 5:50pm.

I, _____ La Cygne City Clerk, do hereby declare
(Jodi Wade) the above to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and do hereby subscribe my name on this 2nd day of November 2020.