

VALLEY CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
July 28, 2020

Mayor Smith opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Present were council members Stanzel, Grove, Lewis & Ueckert.

Mayor Smith stated the location of the open meetings act & that one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at this meeting is available for examination or copying.

Council member Ueckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proof of publication was on the council desk.

The purpose of the meeting is for discussion & planning for future water needs.

Stanzel moved to approve the agenda. Lewis seconded. All in favor

Eric Williams, Papio Natural Resources presented a status update on Western Douglas Trails Project. Design plans, specifications and estimates have been submitted to Nebraska Department of Transportation and their comments are being addressed as they arrive. Right of Way - land rights acquisition was completed in the spring and the required encroachment review was completed on June 24. The project is expected to be on the NDOT list for letting in October, 2020. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2021. Specific details will be finalized during the bidding and contracting process. The project was originally created by direct federally allocated funds with a fixed expenditure. Over time, costs estimates have increased and the total expected cost for the entire project (design, land rights, construction, construction administration) is expected to be approximately \$7.5 million. The NRD Board has approved this cost estimate, has funds budgeted in fiscal year 2021 and has committed to budgeting funds in fiscal year 2022 for all the local expense.

Discussion about the trail bridge to the YMCA followed. Minor repairs, mowing & snow removal will be done by the City. The NRD will be responsible for major repair.

Mr. Williams will send email updates to the City and YMCA as the trail project progresses.

John Trecek was present via telephone to explain the financing of the proposed water improvements project.

City engineer Jim Olmsted gave a recap of the last 20 year study conducted in 1992. He noted a population increase of 35%. The water treatment plant has been operating at half capacity until this year when production was increased from 1000 to 1500 gallons per minute with plans to increase to 1800 gpm soon. June water usage was 35,000,000 gallons. Unaccounted for water is 19%.

The population in 2060 is estimated to be 11,000 which would require 3500 gpm water production. The engineer's recommendations are to add 2 wells, expand the water treatment plant, add a backwash waste recovery system, replace existing filter media & chemical feed systems, add a new 750,000 gallon water reservoir & water main improvements at an estimated cost of \$9,046,000.

John Trecek, of Ameritas reviewed financing costs suggesting financing the project be phased to attract a better bond market.

The need for additional storage and wells, location of water plant addition, financing, cash on hand and phasing the project were discussed. Council consensus was to add one well, expand & update the water treatment plant & add a backwash recovery system at an estimated cost of \$6.2 million.

Water Budget request was reviewed with no changes. Capital facility expenditure reflected the \$6.2 million water improvement project addressed earlier in the meeting.

Wastewater Budget request was reviewed with a change in engineering fees. Lift stations at Valhaven, Valley Shores and Country Aire will be upgraded.

Grove moved to adjourn in executive session at 8:28 p.m. for confidential matters related to the police department for the protection of the public interest. Stanzel seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Smith stated the city council will adjourn in executive session for confidential matters related to the police department for the protection of the public interest.

Grove moved to reconvene in open session at 8:49 p.m. Stanzel seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Report – The next budget work session is August 4. Valley Days 2020 Celebration is August 7, 8 & 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Carroll L. Smith

Clerk Joan Suhr