



MINUTES

Public Works & Utilities Advisory Committee

May 17, 2017

Attendance:

Committee Members:

Ken McKillop – Chair, *Contractor*
Travis Bourne – Vice Chair, *Contractor*
Tom Sylte, *At-Large*
Mike Oakley, *At-Large*
Dennis Russell, *Engineer*
Mark Hines – *Engineer*
Robin Matti, *Supplier*

City Staff:

Heath VonEye, *City Engineer*
Kent Clark, *Streets Manager*
Jill McCarty, *Administrative Support*

Absent: None

Meeting Quorum: Yes

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Ken McKillop, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Tom Sylte made a motion to approve the minutes and Travis Bourne seconded the motion. All were in favor.

III. Personal Appearances:

Mike Cole introduced himself to the committee. Mike will be the new Utilities Director for the City of Gillette beginning on June 5, 2017.

Levi Jensen, Utilities Project Manager, gave an update of the city's Madison Pipeline project. Levi said some of the milestones completed include a 42" 45-mile pipeline from Pine Ridge, the Donkey Creek Pump Station has just received a certificate of occupancy and the facility is ready to be in full operation, Contract 2A (Pine Ridge drilling) has started flow testing for well 15, and the disinfection facility has been completed and in operation since November 2016.

For the District Extensions, the first major project has been completed, and connection of the regional system to the water districts in the County has already begun. Seven different water districts have been connected to the regional system, including South Fork, Antelope Valley and Bennor. The next phases would begin the upcoming 2017 construction season, and would connect 8 Mile, Rock Road and Stonegate Estates districts.

Future projects include service to Crestview Estates, Meadow Springs, Freedom Hills and American Road districts. There are approximately 23 districts that have signed water service agreements that will be tying on in the future.

Ken inquired about the basis of payment for a project being bid for the Madison Pipeline project as a lump sum bid vs. an incidental bid. Further discussion was held by the committee which included the possibility of having a more detailed set of plans for bids that were incidental.

Ken inquired with the completion of the new Madison waterline and being operational, if water restrictions would be in place the upcoming summer. Levi said the tiered water rates were going away, but no watering on Mondays would continue as well as the volunteer even/odd days watering.

IV. Old Business:

- **Agenda for 2017**

Heath asked for items or questions that come up over the upcoming construction season to be sent to him so those topics can be added to the agenda and discussed at future meetings.

- **Project Update**

Heath said the Old Fire Station No. 3 would be out for bid soon. City Council had given the approval to bid out the Boxelder Road Realignment project, and the bid opening will be later this month. The Boxelder to Overdale project will be completed within the next couple of weeks tentatively. The Donkey Creek Festival Improvements project is on-going, as well as PMS 2016 Schedule B. PMS 2017 Schedule A is scheduled to begin construction in June.

Kent said Public Works has begun mowing, cleaning out storm drains, and crack sealing of city roads. A drive and drop trash collection just completed that had 1113 participants.

Heath said there had been staffing adjustments recently at the City, and with more scheduled to come, communication would be given on who would be taking over the positions in the various departments as transitions occur.

V. New Business:

- **Topics for 2017**

- ***Waterline Disinfection Tablet Adhesives***

Ken said the product his company has been using, Permatex #2, has seemed to come under question a lot. Permatex #2 is not specifically NSF 61 approved and is not food grade. Food grade definition is a product approved for inadvertent contact, and NSF 61 is a specification for lubricants and grease. Ken said there is a NSF 61 silicone product that dissolves, but it seems with that not all the water will get chlorinated well. For tablets that do not dissolve, where they end up – typically in a meter – might also be an issue, Ken said.

Tom asked what the specifications called for currently. Ken said a food grade adhesive, but doesn't believe food grade should be called for as it is inadvertent contact, and the tablets being used will be fully submerged in the water line pipes.

Heath said Diane Monahan, Water Services Manager, has been in contact with colleagues through the state and is considering other avenues that others have found that worked.

It was decided for the committee to keep the topic on the agenda for further discussion at future meeting(s).

VI. Other Business:

Heath said there was currently a vacancy for an At-Large seat on the committee. Any ideas or suggestions for people to fill that vacancy, or any other board vacancies, can be emailed to Heath.

Next Meeting September 20, 2017.

VII. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.