

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

To Order:

Chairman Dennis Boose called the Utilities Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Members present: Chairman Dennis Boose, Councilwoman Michelle Hung and Councilman Clifford Winkel.

Also present: Mayor Kevin Corcoran, President Martin DeVries, Councilman Bruce Abens, Auditor April Wilkerson, French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Corey Timko, Assistant Clerk of Council Tara Peet, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Councilman Jim Maleski, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Ashley Williston, PE, Project Manager with Burgess and Niple and Carl Seifried, PE, Senior Project Manager with Burgess and Niple.

Minutes:

Chairman Boose asked for any corrections to the minutes of December 16, 2019. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

Discussion regarding T 14-2020:

Chairman Boose asked Superintendent Timko for an overview of the ordinance before the Committee.

Superintendent Timko stated the project began in 2017. One piece of legislation was brought to Council not to exceed \$450,000. The contract indicated a cost of \$417,000 for planning, design and bid services for the disk filter project. In 2019, the \$450,000 needed increased by \$119,000 to not exceed \$536,000 for additional design and engineering costs. The project then went out for bid. The project was actually bid twice because it came in so high over engineering estimates. The accepted bid was \$5,499,000.00. Superintendent Timko stated that a contract for construction services was submitted for \$99,500 and a purchase order was issued, but no legislation was presented to City Council. Burgess and Niple is now adding an additional \$110,000 to the \$99,500 for additional construction services. This is the legislation before the Committee this evening.

Chairman Boose asked if the estimate for construction oversight services was based on a project cost of \$4.7 million.

Superintendent Timko stated the actual original estimated cost was \$3.2 million and then it was increased to \$4.7 million in 2019.

Chairman Boose asked if the construction oversight services were included in that number.

Superintendent Timko stated no.

Chairman Boose asked how the number doubled.

Ashley Williston stated the first estimate was based on a broad estimation without an engineer's estimate. At the time that estimate was put together, they thought it would be a fifteen month construction period. Additional components were added to the design. In 2019 a new proposal was created and estimated construction services costs aren't a percentage.

Chairman Boose asked if the \$210,000 is correct based on the estimated project cost of \$5,499,000.00.

Ashley Williston stated the cost has not been revised but they have changed the construction period to twenty-four months.

Chairman Boose asked at what point in the project Burgess and Niple comes to the City for additional money requests.

Ashley Williston stated invoices are billed monthly and the point of contact is Superintendent Timko.

Superintendent Timko stated it would be his anticipations that he would receive a change order from Burgess and Niple before the work is actually completed.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated the original ordinance authorizing the \$5 million for the project will need to be amended.

Chairman Boose stated that was correct but that was not the ordinance for discussion this evening.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated it will need amended before construction can begin.

Law Director Moriarty stated typically construction costs are estimated at 13.5% of the total estimated project cost. He noted that originally it was 4.2% and asked where the difference came from.

Carl Seifried stated construction services was a separate contract and usually between 8-12%. He noted the estimate was at 4% and that was under the typical industry range of 6-8%. Mr. Seifried stated they didn't count the fees for design for the cost of project. He noted that the design phase is now over now that the project has been bid. The next phase is construction. Mr. Seifried stated these were two separate pieces.

Councilman Winkel asked how the project went from \$3.2 million to \$5.5 million.

Superintendent Timko stated the \$3.2 million was estimated on just taking the units out and inputting brand new units. He added that during the design phase of the project, they ran across problems and had to correct problems in the building. The building component ended up dominating the project.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated they anticipated growth in the process as well for the future.

Superintendent Timko stated that was correct and further added that an additional fourth bay could go in for the future. He added that each unit is rated for 9 million gallons but when the building was constructed, 33 million gallons of water was envisioned in 1976. Superintendent Timko stated the building was structurally enhanced and it has now opened the door for future enhancements.

Councilman Winkel asked if construction oversight services were billed hourly.

Ashley Williston stated yes.

Councilman Winkel asked if the cost is estimated time.

Carl Seifried stated there were a lot of complexities in the building and because of that they have added additional visits and additional meetings for progress.

Councilman Winkel asked if the Committee is amending something.

Chairman Boose stated not tonight but things will need amended in the future.

Chairman Boose asked the Auditor if the \$210,000 was available.

Auditor Wilkerson stated yes.

Moved by Hung and seconded by Winkel to recommend City Council adopt T 14-2020 as submitted.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

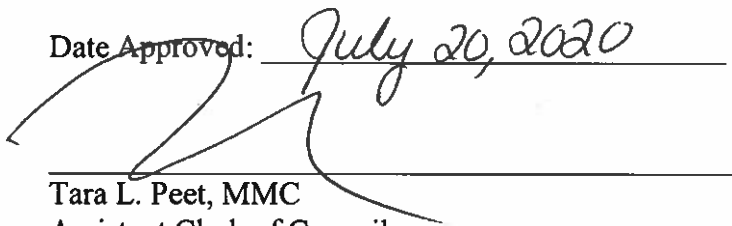
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No – 0

Adjournment:

Chairman Boose adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Date Approved: July 20, 2020



Tara L. Peet, MMC
Assistant Clerk of Council

