

City Council Work Session
June 28, 2021

Present were: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Berthiaume, Rozek, Higbee, Morgan, Remillard and Theberge. Councilors Otis and Eastman were absent.

Others present: City Manager Jim Wheeler, Community Development Director Pam Laflamme, Assessing Coordinator Lise Barrette, Waste Water Treatment and Collection System Superintendent Jon Goodreau, William Carroll, Berlin Daily Sun, Stuart Light.

Councilor Remillard called the meeting to order at 6:31pm acting as the Chair per Mayor Grenier's request who was also present.

Abatement Recommendations

Councilor Remillard discussed the abatement recommendations received from Corcoran Consulting Associates. Councilor Rozek moved to accept the abatement recommendations from Corcoran Consulting Associates; Councilor Morgan seconded, the motion carried by majority in favor with one refusal from Councilor Rozek. Mayor Grenier questioned how many abatement recommendations are left. Assessing Coordinator Lise Barrette advised there were seven left.

Rebuilding Watson Street Pump Station Pump #1

Waste Water Treatment and Collection System Superintendent Jon Goodreau advised this item was on the capital improvement project schedule. He advised this project was estimated at \$30,000. He stated he obtained three quotes from three different vendors. The lowest quote received was \$13,828. He is asking Council for approval to move forward with the project. Councilor Remillard asked who the lowest bidder was. Mr. Goodreau advised it was a company named CPE out of Rochester, NY. Councilor Remillard asked what the second quote was. Mr. Goodreau advised it was \$13,950 from Atlantic Pump and Engineering out of Maine. Councilor Rozek moved to accept the CPE out of Rochester quote for rebuilding the pump station #1; Councilor Higbee seconded, the motion carried by majority in favor. Councilor Theberge asked what the turnaround is. Mr. Goodreau advised CPE said about three weeks.

Signing a contract with Wright-Pierce for the Scope of Work required for the replacement of the Berlin Pollution Control Facilities' Boiler

Mr. Goodreau explained this was also on the capital improvement project plan. He explained the previous superintendent had this on his list which was estimated at \$90,000. He feels it will be much lower than the estimated amount. He has contacted a couple of vendors to come in and look at the boiler. The current boiler is over 20 years old and had a life expectancy of 20 years. He mentioned that it's still in good shape as it was well maintained, but he would prefer to replace it in the summer instead of the winter where it would be freezing cold. He mentioned that the few vendors that have looked at it, found it very complicated as the current system has both steam heaters and forced hot water heaters. The vendors stated because of the complexity of the current boiler set up, they wouldn't want to proceed without some type of engineered specs. He presented to Council an agreement from Wright-Pierce in the amount of \$5,000 which would include them doing a survey to find out what the best option would be moving forward and they would also provide the specs to replace the boiler when they decide on the best option. Wright-Pierce would also put together the bid sheets and advertisement. Councilor Rozek moved to approve the agreement with Wright-Pierce in

the amount of \$5,000; Mayor Grenier seconded, the motion carried by majority in favor. Councilor Theberge asked what the turnaround is. Mr. Goodreau advised CPE said about three weeks.

Other

Councilor Remillard asked about the summer schedule. Mayor Grenier commented the summer schedule starts now and Council would meet every first and third Monday of each month starting July.

Adjourn

There being no further business Councilor Rozek moved to adjourn; Councilor Theberge seconded and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Rioux
Executive Assistant

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