

## UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

August 6, 2018

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Board President Roberts called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Utilities Service Board room at the City of Bloomington Utilities Service Center 600 East Miller Drive, Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Julie Roberts, Jim Sherman, Jason Banach, Amanda Burnham, Jean Capler, Jeff Ehman, Sam Frank, and ex-officio Jim Sims.

Staff members present: Michelle Waldon, Brad Schroeder, James Hall, Cindy Shaw, Phil Peden, Nolan Hendon, Tom Axsom, Chris Wheeler, Holly McLauchlin, Laura Pettit, and Vic Kelson.

### MINUTES

***Board vice president Sherman moved and Board member Burnham seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Motion carried, 7 ayes.***

### CLAIMS

***Sherman moved and Burnham seconded the motion to approve standard claims as follows:***

Vendor invoices submitted included \$148,928.81 from the Water Utility, \$415,005.76 from the Wastewater Utility, and \$7,030.84 from the Stormwater Utility. Total Claims approved: \$570,965.41.

***Motion carried, 7 ayes.***

Ehman asked about the description for the first of 3 invoices paid to Brenntag Mid-south Inc for Sodium hydroxide. Ehman said the description seemed odd. After looking through the invoices, CBU Finance Manager Waldon explained it was a typo on the claims list.

***Sherman moved and Burnham seconded the motion to approve the utility claims as follows:***

Utility invoices submitted included \$10,438.08 from the Water Utility, \$42,551.65 from the Wastewater Utility, and \$0.00 from the Stormwater Utility. Total Claims approved: \$52,989.73.

***Motion carried, 7 ayes.***

***Sherman moved and Burnham seconded the motion to approve the wire transfers and fees in the amount of \$328,858.21. Motion carried, 7 ayes.***

***Sherman moved and Burnham seconded the motion to approve customer refunds as follows:***

Customer refunds submitted included \$526.88 from the Water Utility, \$1,169.50 from the Wastewater Utility, \$0.00 from the Stormwater Utility, and \$0.00 from Sanitation. Total Claims approved: \$1,696.38.

***Motion carried, 7 ayes.***

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

***Sherman moved and Burnham seconded the motion to approve consent agenda. Motion carried, 7 ayes.***

One agreement on consent agenda: Nu-Tec Roofing - \$10,000.00 - On-Call Services.

## **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR AGREEMENT WITH CRIDER FOR IUHB OFFSITE SANITARY SEWER PROJECT**

***Sherman moved and Burnham seconded the motion to approve agreement; motion carried, 7 ayes.***

CBU Engineer Peden presented a contract with Crider & Crider for the IUHB Offsite Sanitary Sewer Project. As discussed in a previous meeting, Crider was the lowest responsible and responsive bidder and was awarded the project by resolution of the Board. This agreement is for work which includes installing 16,000ft of 12" force main, a lift station, generator, and improvements/replacements of undersize interceptor sewer near Cascades Park. The agreement is \$5,306,300.00 including all 3 alternates. Alternate 3 may be removed pending a permit from INDOT. Peden says about \$3.1million of that amount will be paid by IU Health. Substantial completion is scheduled for September 2019 and the hospital is scheduled to start flow in 2020.

## **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH VET ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING FOR CONTAMINATED MATERIALS REMOVAL AT THE DECOMMISSIONED GRIFFY WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

***Sherman moved and Burnham seconded the motion to approve amendment; motion carried, 7 ayes.***

CBU Asst Director Schroeder brought an amendment to the agreement with VET Environmental which adds \$187,500.00; the total is now \$235,170.00. As Schroeder discussed at the last meeting, more mercury was found at the plant and needs to be removed and disposed of in anticipation of demo. VET has had 3 bidders out and the total amount of the contract may vary; these numbers represent the high estimate. The total amount of mercury is still being inspected and the amount of dewatering and the content of the water are all factors that will affect the final price. VET plans to have the contractor start work this week and hopes to have the mercury removal complete by the end of the month. It looks as if the lowest bidder is also going to be the quickest which is good since CBU is currently paying for around the clock security since EPA and IDEM say we must keep the public out of the building. The contractor will remove all debris in the plant; clean around pipes and remove everything off the floors. This means that some of the asbestos will also be removed.

Board member Banach asked why this work was not put out for bid. Since this is an amendment to an existing contract it does not need to be bid. Banach also said the plant was the "talk of the Blueridge neighborhood" and suggested more public information outreach. CBU Director Kelson said he would have the Public Information Officer canvass the surrounding neighborhoods. Board member Capler asked why the agreement has increased so much from original \$28,000.00 agreement. Schroeder answered that this would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment. The original contract was simply to manage the demo, but VET has also been doing much of the environmental remediation as well. Also, initially, there were only 3 distinct areas of mercury, now it appears there are small amounts of mercury distributed all over the building. Although all the mercury would have had to be removed during the demo process, trespassers moving it around the building as opposed to trained contractors discovering it has exacerbated the problem. Ex-officio Sims asked where the contaminated material would be disposed. Schroeder answered that the contractors take it and there are different ways to manage waste depending on content. Roberts asked if there had been a decrease in the number of people trying to get in. Kelson said that 12 people had been run off the property in one night. The guard walks around the property but people sneak in through woods and cut the fence. Roberts asked if there were signs posted. There are "No Trespassing" signs up and new signs would be up this week based on an EPA standard sign: "City of Bloomington Utilities WARNING Hazardous materials present at this site. No trespassing. Persons found trespassing may be subject to arrest and decontamination procedures." The decontamination is done by the Monroe County fire territory. They remove a person's clothing and shoes, which are disposed of. The person must be scrubbed in a shower for 15 minutes, and then they are sent home in a Tyvex suit. So far no one has been caught inside the building. Roberts asked if the area around Griffy was being inspected for mercury; Schroeder answered that officially delimited the impacted area was part of this current amendment.

Ehman mentioned he notice the change in primary personnel from the original agreement. This is due to the fact that the original contract, Fields, was purchased by VET. Ehman asked that the Board be made aware if there are any issues with VET as they are going through staffing changes. Schroeder said that CBU has been pleased so far with the work of VET.

**REQUEST APPROVAL FOR MOU WITH K&J INVESTMENTS FOR RELOCATION OF FIRE HYDRANT AND INSTALLATION OF DEDICATED FIRE LINE**

***Sherman moved and Burnham seconded the motion to approve MOU; motion carried, 7 ayes.***

Wheeler with City Legal presented a Memorandum of Understanding with K&J Investments VI LLC and the City of Bloomington. K&J is building a Culver's restaurant at 1914 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St which needs a dedicated fire line for fire suppression purposes. The MOU states they will take over the existing fire hydrant on the property and in exchange cover the costs of placing a new hydrant in median next to CBU's water main. The new hydrant will be available to both sides of the road which is a benefit to the public and helps Culvers. Kelson added that the original plans included a cut across 3<sup>rd</sup> St, meaning a street shut down for a few days. He thanked the engineering team, the Fire Dept., and Parks in working together to find a better solution. The City tries to make it easy and transparent to work with the City for businesses to be successful and cost effective.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Banach welcomed Aiden Armstrong who was attending the meeting as a part of earning his Eagle Scout. Armstrong's home overlooks Griffy and he had to attend a controversial public meeting.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:** Sherman reported that the Finance subcommittee met prior to the regular board meeting for the initial presentation of the 2019 budget.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Kelson said the formal budget presentation would occur at the next USB meeting on 8/21 and the City Council would hear it on 8/21. Kelson also congratulated the engineering staff, ISI, and others who worked to complete the South Central Sewer Interceptor on-time. It was a challenge and the neighbors were very patient. Kelson thanked Public Works, the Office of the Mayor, Legal, and all other City Departments for their cooperation in making this project happen.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sherman moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Julie Roberts, President

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