

## **CITY OF COOS BAY – Wastewater Committee**

**October 31, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.**

**City Council Chambers, 500 Central Ave, Coos Bay, Oregon**

Wastewater Committee Member Mark Daily, Fred Brick, and Mike Vaughan. City Manager Rodger Craddock, Finance Director Susanne Baker, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Public Works Director Jim Hossley, and Police Captain Chris Chapanar.

Councilor Brick opened the meeting and lead the committee and assembly in the salute to the flag.

### **Review and Discuss the Submitted Request for Proposal(s) (RFP) for the Wastewater Treatment Design, Construction, Finance, Ownership, and Operation Services**

Councilor Brick stated he did not get to review the DB Western Texas (DBWT) proposal as much as he wanted as he picked it up this morning at 8:00 a.m. However, it seemed similar to other things received by DBWT with some new information. The proposal involved wastewater treatment at plant 2 (WWTP2) and eventually wastewater treatment plant 1 (WWTP1).

Part of what was presented focused on the cost involved for the ratepayers over the next 34 years. Of interest in the proposal were the systems proposed to be used to clean the water and remove things not wanted in the bay and the waste products after they were removed. DBWT proposed changing the current Class B biosolids to Class A, moving the sludge lagoon from the current Eastside location, and designing the plant to consider tsunamis and earthquakes.

Some of the material in the proposal was considered proprietary and much of what was submitted would be limited for public release for that reason. In the proposal, over 20 exhibits compared the cost of the current plant design to the proposed design and extended out a period of 20 – 30 years.

Councilor Brick stated he was impressed with Exhibit 12 which addressed virus and other effluent quality concerns and it was his belief the DBWT system would improve the effluent. Councilor Brick stated he hoped the information provided would answer questions for the new Council and hoped the DBWT proposal would be accepted.

Councilor Daily declared that DBWT had contributed to his mayoral campaign and he did not believe it changed his position on the topic. Councilor Daily stated the DBWT proposal met the RFP requirements in a material way and recommended it be forwarded to the Council; stated this was not a decision to write a contract on but to take to the Council.

Councilor Vaughan asked Councilor Brick if Exhibit 8 listed projected rates to compare the SBR to MBR plant rates. Councilor Brick stated Exhibits 3 and 4 had graphical interpretations of rates and found the amount of numbers in the spreadsheets voluminous and was not sure if Exhibit 8 provided rates. Over a number of years DBWT proposed a substantial savings both over the short and long term in costs. Councilor Brick stated the mainstay was the use of technology that would not fall out of date and would be best for the bay. Due to the quality of the parts of the system, he felt the system would extend easily into the future. Councilor Brick stated there

appeared to be substantial savings involved with part of it due to the plant being run by a private entity, more efficiently and effectively.

Councilor Daily stated the summary did not appear to be proprietary, which could be released, and the rest should be turned over to the City Attorney to determine what could be released to the public.

City Attorney Nate McClintock stated there were two proposals, Plan A and Plan C. Plan C involved WWTP1 and was not part of the Request for Proposal. Councilor Daily stated he didn't have an issue with forwarding just Plan A to the Council. Councilor Vaughan stated they should also think about WWTP1 wherein Mr. McClintock stated the purchasing rules required solicitation for WWTP1.

Councilor Vaughan asked Mr. McClintock if there was a monthly or annual cost in the proposal wherein Mr. McClintock stated that was not within his legal purview. Councilor Vaughan asked if Mr. Petrie could address what the proposed rate would be monthly for a ratepayer. Councilor Vaughan stated since he could not find the monthly rate for the ratepayers, this was a great deal because of the cost, he felt more clarification was needed to that point.

Councilor Daily stated No. 9 under summation, DBWT guaranteed costs through 2034 for Plan A, at a savings of approximately \$18 million. Exhibit 8 supported that and it would be a decision for the Council to consider. Consensus was to forward the DBWT proposal to the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Susanne Baker  
City Recorder