

## Minutes

THE CITY OF TUTTLE COUNCIL MEMBERS MET IN REGULAR WORKSHOP SESSION ON **SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.** IN THE TUTTLE CITY HALL BUILDING LOCATED AT 221 W. MAIN STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: SCOTT DICKSON, TREY BUCK, AUSTIN HUGHES, MARY SMITH AND AARON MCLEROY

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: DANA SCHOENING, LARRY MITCHELL, DAVID PERRYMAN, WENDY MARBLE, AARON SLATTERY, DON CLUCK, RYAN ALLEN, LAURIE KOELSCH, AMBER RILEY, BRYAN BALENSEIFEN, JULIE MOWDY, AMY NATCHER, AND SEAN FAIRBAIRN

OTHERS PRESENT: LESLIE WALKER

**CALL TO ORDER** McLeroy called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Marble called the roll and declared a quorum present

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. DISCUSSION and REVIEW of funding options for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Rick Smith, Municipal Financial Services, will provide projected debt service requirements needed to complete the project.

**Mitchell presented Municipal Finance memo with recommendation to use 2021 loan proceeds of \$2M. Smith stated we allocated funds in April, what are we giving up. Mitchell stated not giving up any funds. The City has the \$2M loan and ARPA funds to use for project. Hughes asked if the \$2M loan proceeds are allocated to a project. Mitchell stated no, those funds were part of a refinance of debt. Marble stated we have the additional funds because the interest rate was so low when we refinanced the debt that we chose to increase the loan amount for future projects. Mitchell recommended using the utility loan to complete the funding for the WWTP project. McLeroy stated that the OWRB loan is \$5.7M and adding \$2M totals \$7.7M for the project. McLeroy asked if we can give the OWRB money back. He stated the housing market is doing to take a dive and the plant will not be necessary. Mitchell stated in the 18-24 month that it takes to build the plant, the housing and construction will come back. Smith stated the real mistake would be to put this off. Dickson stated he understands the concerns but does not agree to postpone the project. He stated we know the city is going to grow. McLeroy stated there is artificial inflation and the prices for the project are escalated. Dickson stated the city needs to get ahead of the growth. Perryman stated this project has been approved by DEQ and that may not be approved at a later date. Mitchell stated the interest rates will continue to increase.**

**Slattery stated the cost of the gas line improvements has decreased from approximately \$400,000 down to \$150,000 with public works completing the work. He stated it would sustain the city for possibly ten years before another connection gate would be needed. He states this frees up some funds. He stated this project should be complete by end of November.**

**McLeroy asked if we could rebid the WWTP project. He stated he spoke to a vendor that was not able to bid. Perryman stated that could backfire, but it is not illegal. Mitchell stated that the engineer extended the bid date by two weeks to get more contractors to bid.**

2. DISCUSSION and QUESTIONS regarding possible update to subdivision regulations for lift station pumps

**McLeroy stated he received a call from Hollowbrook developer about engineer asking for backup lift station pump. McLeroy asked if we need the backup to be a requirement. Slattery stated other communities are requiring developers to do this. He stated we have five lift stations and should have backup pumps for all. He stated the pumps cost \$25,000. Perryman asked id DEQ requires this redundancy. Fairbairn stated it is not required but should have backup because if one stops it is days or weeks for repair or replacement.**

3. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

- a. City Manager and Department Reports, including reports posted on the agendas for the City Council, Tuttle Public Works Authority Board of Directors, and Tuttle Development Authority Board of Directors
- b. Councilmember Reports

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Dickson, seconded by Hughes to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried as follows:**

**Aye: Dickson, Buck, Hughes, Smith and McLeroy**

**Nay: None**

Attest:

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Wendy Marble, City Clerk

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Aaron McLeroy, Mayor