

City of Oronoco

Water & Sewer Committee Meeting

Oronoco WWTF Admin Building

Monday July 10, 2024, 6:30PM
Agenda

Members present:

Absent:

Others present:

Agenda - Motion by xxxxxxx and 2nd xxxxxxx to accept agenda Approved.

- I. Approval of June 10, 2024 minutes. Motion by xxxxxxx and 2nd by xxxxxxx. Approved
- II. Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)
 - A. WWTF Contract #1 – Construction Status Update
 1. Staab - No Pay Request submitted to date for this month.
 2. Construction progress and status update:
 - a. Remote access has been set up for Xylem staff to access the Oronoco WWTF.
 - b. Xylem met for third time with PeopleService on Monday, July 1st to discuss SBR operations.
 - c. The aluminum cover for the bay 1B decant pump has been installed and pump is operational.
 - d. Garage Door opener and appurtenances installed in Pretreatment building.
 - e. Silt fence removal, overseeding, and tree replacement completed last week along with other miscellaneous punch list work by Staab.
 - f. Automatic System on site on July 8th to complete remaining programming, wastewater system integration work and well SCADA integration with WWTF systems.
 3. Xylem – SBR punchlist items that need to be completed:
 - a. Complete sensor programming and address the communication issues between YSI IQ sensornet
 - b. Complete the chemical feed proگرامing so it appears on the HMI screen and functions as intended.
 - c. Replace defective DO (Dissolve Oxygen) sensors for basins not in use.
 - d. SBR waste sludge pump replacement to remedy pumping capacity issue. Upgraded pumps ordered in June and should be installed in August.
 - e. Building clean up and miscellaneous punchlist work remain.
- III. PeopleService Operation of Wastewater System
 - a. Operations Status Update – SBR treatment and effluent test results are compliant with the exception of Total Nitrogen which is improving and should be compliant soon. We recently moved into Phase 2 for effluent permit limits.

IV. Phase 1A Wastewater, Sanitary Sewer, and Watermain Improvements

A. Contracts #2 and #3 – Construction Status Update

1. Fitzgerald Excavating – Construction - update:
 - a. Ellingson Grinder Station Installation – about 60% complete. Update
 - b. Restoration of properties in NW Oronoco. Topsoil placement and seeding partially complete - update.
 - c. CWTS decommissioning and site restoration is complete.
 - d. Completed some turf restoration and seeding.
 - e. Preparing Lift Station driveway for paving.
 - f. Bituminous roadway wear course paving schedule TBD.
2. Change Order #5 for two water services drilled through rock under 5th Street NW - \$16,102.50. Also plan to add a VFD and Line starters for LS 1a control panel needed for 3-phase pump supplied – \$5,240 from Automatic Systems. Formal change order preparation pending. Joe has also talked with MPCA about possibly adding repair of street segments damaged by construction. Stantec working with MPCA to request repair of streets damaged by construction. MPCA will determine if costs are eligible for CWRF loan funding. Update.
3. Fitzgerald Pay Request – No. 28 totaling \$xxxxxxx with 5% retainage. Approval July 16, 2024, Council meeting.

B. River Bend Estates CWTS Feasibility Report – Review draft report at meeting.

V. On-Call Service

A. Cain shared a letter regarding the development of an On-Call policy.

- i. Because of the (83) grinder systems that are owned by the City and increased water users from (390) to (500) once all are installed, Public Works would like to propose an On-Call policy for Public Works employees. Before recommending to the council a policy, discussion will continue at the March 12 water and sewer meeting. Overall discussion at the meeting was productive and that the policy is needed. There is a concern with the need to cover the 2024 budget costs for the policy and that may be resolved with contingent hours this 1st year until the 2025 budget is established. Update.

1. The committee reviewed information from Cain. Discussion ended up with recommendation to follow up with the City's HR attorney regarding working over 40 hours per week and meeting Labor laws for On-Call Service water and sewer needs – Keep on agenda and possible Council items for discussion in July or August for 2025 budgeting purposes.

VI. Start discussion regarding Open House / Celebration of new municipal sewer system!

- i. Date, time, location, tours, etc., possible September event. Update

VII. Discussion regarding water curb stop for Charles and Pauline Rupkavlis

- A. Fitzgerald estimate provided to Cain \$8,480 to add water curb stop plus approx \$4,000 street repair. Total estimate \$12,000-\$13,000 to construct water service pipe from main to water curb stop at property line. Update

- i. Could an agreement with People's Energy Cooperative be obtained for service pipe through private property (but within People's Easement) to Chuck's house?
- ii. Is use of People's Energy Cooperative utility easement for municipal water service legal and viable? Update, OK with People's stay 5-10 ft from pole/line.
- iii. Fitzgearld to start installation on Chucks sewer line week of July 8. Overall cost and payment options by the Rupkavilis.

VIII. Next meeting August 13, 2024, 6:30 PM in-person.

IX. Motion by xxxxxxx and 2nd by xxxxxx to close the meeting xxxxx PM. Approved

Respectively submitted by Ryland Eichhorst