

Water Source Committee Meeting

The Water Source Committee of the city of Fairbury met Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 3:00 pm in the City Offices located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska.

Schmidt called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and stated a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted near the entry of the meeting room. Roll call found the following committee members present: John Ebke, Dusty Schmidt, and Brian Schmidt. Absent- Charles Endorf. Also present at the meeting: Laura Bedlan – Development Services Director, Wastewater Superintendent- Curtis Arnold, Erin Reimer- City Clerk, Kelly Davis, Mayor, and Water Superintendent, Gregg DeFrain.

The first item of business was to approve the regular minutes of November 5, 2024. Motion was made by Ebke to approve November 5, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by D. Schmidt. All in favor, motion carried.

Schmidt introduced the next item of current business, "Discussion and acceptance of the preliminary engineering report update, water sourcing, and associated projects." Olsson has been working on an updated preliminary engineering report for the past several months, they have based this report off of the 2017 report and have updated projects to date with the current water sourcing needs of the community. This report will be used to move forward with water sourcing needs and is also a requirement of currently secured funding sources. Craig Reinsch with Olsson will be at the council meeting on March 20th to provide a presentation. With no further discussion, Ebke motioned to recommend the acceptance of the preliminary engineering report update, water sourcing, and associated projects. Motion was seconded by D. Schmidt. Roll call vote- Ebke, D. Schmidt, and B. Schmidt voting "yes." Motion carried.

Schmidt introduced the next item of current business, "Discussion and recommendation of an updated work order to allow for HSP and distribution system design, funding coordination, bidding, piloting of three (3) technologies; 2 for biofilm control/removal and another for nitrate treatment." The original contract with Olsson was for the I Street well and was later amended to include the PER report. It was discussed that some contract adjustments would be needed to account for test well bidding, coordination, and work outside of the preliminary I Street and PER work. The original "bidding phase" covered the additional test well coordination and bidding work while the remaining funds will be adjusted with a new work order to include HSP design, funding coordination, preliminary design for distribution system improvements, and piloting of the 3 technologies. With no further questions, Ebke motioned to recommend an updated work order to allow for HSP and distribution system design, funding coordination, bidding, piloting of three (3) technologies; 2 for biofilm control/removal and another for nitrate treatment for council consideration. Motion was seconded by D. Schmidt. Roll call vote- Ebke, D. Schmidt, and B. Schmidt voting "yes." Motion carried.

Schmidt introduced the next item of current business:

- Discussion and recommendation of cleaning out of the reservoir. NO ACTION TAKEN- WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDITIONAL BIDS AND TAKE ITEM TO COUCNIL
- Discussion and recommendation of the inspection of the water tower. NO ACTION TAKEN- WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDITIONAL BIDS AND TAKE ITEM TO COUCNIL

Schmidt introduced the next item of current business, "Discussion and recommendation to authorize city staff and Olsson to submit revised funding requests." The city currently has three funding sources available for water sourcing projects/needs, QCT-DWSRF-USDA. The discussion was related to the allowance of city staff and Olsson to determine which funding source best fits the parameters of a given project and allows the submittal of the funding requests to be made. With no further question, Ebke motioned to recommend the authorization of city staff and Olsson to submit revised funding requests to the full council for consideration. Motion was seconded by D. Schmidt. Roll call vote- Ebke, D. Schmidt, and B. Schmidt voting "yes." Motion carried.

The motion to adjourn was made by D. Schmidt. Motion was seconded by Ebke. Roll call vote- Ebke, D. Schmidt, and B. Schmidt voting "yes." Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Reimer, Fairbury City Clerk