

MINUTES  
JOINT CONTRACT SEWERAGE COMMITTEE  
April 11, 2024  
2:30 A.M. BETTENDORF CITY HALL

Members Present:

Robert Gallagher, Mayor, City of Bettendorf  
Mike Matson, Mayor, City of Davenport  
Ron Rice, Mayor, City of Panorama Park  
Paul DCamp, Alderman, City of Riverdale  
Nicole Gleason, Assistant City Administrator/Director of Public Works, City of Davenport  
Brian Schmidt, Director of Public Works, City of Bettendorf  
Mallory Merritt, Assistant City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, City of Davenport  
Jason Schadt, Director of Finance, City of Bettendorf  
Doug Hradek, Interim Water Pollution Control Plant Manager, City of Davenport

Others Present:

Decker Ploehn, City Administrator, City of Bettendorf  
Jeff Reiter, Assistant City Administrator, City of Bettendorf  
Clay Merritt, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects, City of Davenport  
Jim Odean, Assistant Finance Director, City of Davenport  
Brent Morlok, City Engineer, City of Bettendorf  
Brian Schadt, City Engineer, City of Davenport  
Victoria Gleason, Water Pollution Control Plant Pretreatment Coordinator, City of Davenport  
Todd Hildebrandt, Sewer Maintenance Supervisor, City of Bettendorf  
Brad Guy, Sewer Collection System Project Manager, City of Davenport

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Mayor Gallagher.

1. First item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the January 2024 meeting. There were no additions, deletions, or corrections. Brian Schmidt made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Nicole Gleason. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Next item on the agenda was the update on Water Pollution Control Plant Flood Protection Projects. Clay Merritt reported this project was split into three (3) phases. Phase 1 has cleared all federal and state permits and are at the final stages of EDA review. Per EDA regulations, they must give authorization to bid. We requested a timeline extension and received approval and will hopefully receive authorization to go out for bid in the next few weeks. The Community Funding application has been submitted for Phase 2. Preliminary design and environmental review have begun for Phase 3, which would provide a new access from the east and a new overpass at Concord St.
3. Next item on the agenda was an update on HR Green Facility Plan Studies. Davenport reported HR Green has completed the study with recommendations on mixers, covers, heating elements, etc. Instead of using generators, a methane fired boiler for heat is recommended on all four (4) digesters for a total cost of \$23.75 million.
4. Next item on the agenda was approval to proceed with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering design services for Digester Upgrades. Davenport reported there is \$3.1 million allocated to engineering

services for the digesters in the Community Improvement Program (CIP). Design will take approximately 18 months. Nicole Gleason motioned to approve the RFQ for the Digester Upgrades. The motion was seconded by Brian Schmidt. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Next item on the agenda was the approval directing the technical committee to prepare preliminary cost estimates for major future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects including upgrades to the lift station, aeration, clarifiers, and overall plant capacity. Brian Schmidt motioned to approve moving forward with cost estimates on the CIP projects. The motion was seconded by Nicole Gleason. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Next item on the agenda was an update on the recruitment for Manager of Water Pollution Control Plant. Nicole Gleason reported they had a phone interview with an applicant last week. If the candidate's certifications transfer to Iowa, they would fly the candidate in for interviews and invite committee members to attend. Doug Hradek is currently the Interim Water Pollution Control Plant Manager and one of the operators has been appointed Interim Supervisor to assist Doug.
7. The next item was the discussion of recent Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO). Bettendorf pumped 11 million gallons during the recent rainfall. Nicole Gleason reported according to the National Weather Service data we received 3.5 inches of rain within a 72 hour period. Davenport found at Silver Creek the first 12 inches of ground were wet, but underneath was dry indicating the water wasn't fully saturating due to the previous drought conditions. Davenport reported receiving a 7 million gallon per day spike in one sewer basin during the event, which then caused the plant from receiving 23 million gallons per day to 75 million gallons. This shows the focus needs to be on I&I projects to prevent infiltration in the system.
8. Next item on the agenda was the discussion of future meeting dates. The committee agreed to hold the next meeting in January.
9. The next item on the agenda was other business. There were no items brought up by the group.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Brian Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Gallagher.