

Council Study Committee
February 11, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Pete Berry, Greg Marchant, Eric Mathieu, John Parker, Pam Pepper, John Sirianni and Mayor Bresnan.

Staff Present: Jean Furler, Eric Hanson, WPC Superintendent Dan Miers and Forrest Aldrich, Veenstra & Kimm.

1. **I&I PROGRAM:** City Manager Eric Hanson presented background information and steps performed by the sewer department regarding the I&I Program. Items of discussion included:

- Slowing the process down – currently the City inspects 150 home per year (was 300) and all inspections need to be completed by 2024, possibly extending this to 2030 subject to IDNR approval
- What can the city do to make the I&I inspection part of the real estate purchase
- Obtaining a model ordinance from other cities to include the maximum amount a property owner would spend, mandating an evaluation and setting a guarantee rate from companies fixing the repair
- Repairs range from \$4,000 to \$15,000

Staff will bring back to the next committee meeting:

- Total number of customers with I&I loans including loan amount (principal and interest), monthly payments, amount paid on loans and outstanding balances
- Total number of sanitary sewer extension/shared service loans including loan amount (principal and interest), monthly payments, amount paid on loans and outstanding balances
- Customer's reimbursed including total reimbursement, customer cost and average cost
- Total cost paid by the city for private I&I
- City collections for private I&I loan
- Total customer cost for penalties and loans
- Monthly payments paid to city for penalties and loan
- Customer cost reported to date for I&I expenses
- Model ordinance including maximum amount a property owner would spend, mandating an evaluation and setting a guarantee rate from companies fixing the repair

2. **WPC FACILITY PLAN:** The Committee discussed the following two alternates for the North Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Alternate 1 – estimated project cost \$6,000,000 includes:

- Would handle 19,103 population

- No “wet” industries such as a meat packet plant, soy bean producer, etc
- Rehab of existing equipment
- Will handle future ammonia limits
- Would not handle future disinfection and nutrient requirements
- Will need additional sludge expansion as City grows
- Will need ongoing maintenance

Alternate 2 – estimated cost \$26,000,000 includes:

- Would handle 19,103 population
- No “wet” industries such as meat packet plant, soy bean producer, etc
- Will handle future ammonia limits and disinfection and nutrient equipment
- No ongoing equipment replacement
- Equalization of flows will need to be evaluated

It was the consensus of the committee to authorize staff to do an analysis of both alternates and report back at a future committee meeting.

3. **Other Items:** The street paving schedule and the intersection of “E” and Detroit was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.