

MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHETEK HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CHETEK CITY HALL, 220 STOUT STREET

Mayor Jeff Martin called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Scott Bachowski, Earl Grover, Terry Hight, Mark Edwards, Mayor Martin.

Others in attendance: Tia McCarthy, CBS Squared, Alex Roll, CBS Squared (via Zoom)
Joe Atwood, Cassandra Larson, Carmen Newman, Ron Ambrozaitis
Meeting was streamed over Zoom with approximately 126 people viewing

The Public Hearing was held to present the City's plans for construction of a new wastewater treatment plant and various improvements to the City's wastewater collection system.

Tia McCarthy, project engineer, explained that the City of Chetek has applied with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program for funding. The new treatment plant is needed in order to meet the new effluent limits and to provide space for future growth. The current location is in the floodplain; therefore, the plant will be moved to a new location.

In addition to the new WWTP in the new location, other improvements to the sewer system include: Construction of a new lift station and forcemain to direct wastewater to the new facility, reconstruction of the beach lift station (which is the oldest non-rehabilitated station), building an enclosure for the generator at the current location which will provide emergency power to equipment remaining on the current site, collection system upgrades integrating all lift stations into the Remote Monitoring System, lift station pump replacements at the Sexton Street and Lone Oak lift stations to increase reliability and decrease maintenance.

Contingency projects were identified. These projects would be considered should there be any remaining funds after the USDA projects are completed. Trowbridge Court utility extension - this would be to accommodate new commercial business. This property lies near the highway 53 exit on the south end of town. The City would annex this property; Sewer lining - several older sections throughout the city could be lined to mitigate infiltration and reduce flow to the WWTP.

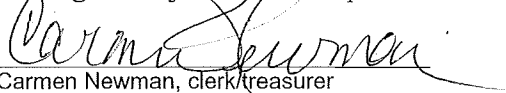
Tia explained that an environmental assessment has been completed for this project. This evaluated any potential impacts from the planned project, including: farmland, formally classified land, floodplains, wetlands, historic properties, threatened or endangered species, vegetation, water quality, soils, air pollution, transportation, and noise. The assessment may be obtained by contacting USDA or the CBS Squared office in Chippewa Falls.

At this time the Wisconsin DNR is currently reviewing the facility plan. CBS Squared is working with USDA on the funding process. Plans and specifications development deadline is 3/31/2022. The construction completion deadline is 3/31/2024.

Council member, Mark Edwards, asked if there would be any concerns with the new location due to the wetlands surrounding the site. Tia explained that the site where the new plant will be located is not in the floodplain.

There were no questions from any public attending the hearing.

Hearing was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer