

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 13, 2009

Items Considered: 16; Items Approved: 16

Distribution/Collection	Water/Wastewater Treatment
<p>The Utility Commission held a public hearing and adopted appropriate verifiable M/WBE percentage goals for the construction of improvements to the water distribution system, Contract 2009-1 and for the construction of the 24" finished water transmission main project near Thomas Water Treatment Plant and Winston-Salem State University.</p> <p>A public hearing was held and the assessment rolls were confirmed for the Naomi Drive and Niblick Drive water and sewer projects and for the Davis Road and Mallard Lakes area sewer extension. Naomi Drive and Niblick Drive were the result of sufficient petitions for water and sewer service extension. The Mallard Lakes area sewer project was constructed due to a public health need as determined by the Forsyth County Health Department. The Davis Road sewer project was the result of an annexation request from the 2006 annexation.</p> <p>The Commission approved an agreement with Winston-Salem Industrial Properties V, LLC, for a sanitary sewer line extension to serve Union Cross V & VI speculative industrial facilities. The estimated cost of the sewer improvements is \$277,530. A total of 4,645 feet of sewer main will be extended to serve Union Cross V & VI speculative industrial facilities. Winston-Salem Industrial Properties V will be eligible for intervening main refunds as well as oversized main refunds in the estimated amount of \$104,230.</p> <p>The Commission authorized water improvements under the Feasibility Plan for the West Bend water main extension project along Shallowford Road, Brittington Drive, and Williams Road located in Forsyth County. This project also requires an agreement with the Lewisville Fire Department to subsidize the cost of the project. The estimated cost of this project is \$683,800 with an initial cost of the Commission of \$460,800.</p> <p>The Commission authorized the acquisition of property for the Folkstone Court Outfall project through negotiated settlement. The Commission previously offered \$6,600 to Mr. and Mrs. James Arrington in consideration of land value and various other considerations as part of the appraisal obtained by the City. An additional \$8,400 was added by the Commission in consideration of additional compensation for tress and of the costs of trial to settle the matter. The total offer to Mr. and Mrs. Arrington is now \$15,000.</p>	<p>The Commission approved a change order with Pizzagalli Construction Company for modifications to the residual storage lagoons associated with the R. A. Thomas Water Treatment Plant Improvements. This change order will produce a larger storage lagoon by doubling the capacity of the existing lagoon for a lump sum of \$760,000, which equates to a net saving of \$765,000, approximately 50%.</p> <p>The Commission approved an engineering agreement with CDM for evaluation services associated with updating the Wastewater Facilities Master Plan. This plan provides long term guidance and planning for capital improvement projects at the Elledge and Muddy Creek Wastewater Treatment Plants. Staff of the Utility Commission and staff of CDM have negotiated a specified scope of work for a lump sum amount of \$284,300.</p> <p>The Utility Commission approved an engineering agreement with Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc. for design services associated with generator upgrades at the Nielson Water Treatment Plant. Generators from the old Thomas Water Treatment Plant will be used to replace 23+ year old diesel generators at the Nielson plant. In addition to installing generators and switchgear, the project will involve electrical upgrades and removal of existing diesel generators. Southeastern has proposed a lump sum fee of \$115,000 for the design services associated with this work.</p>
	Solid Waste
	<p>The Commission awarded a contract for the construction of Old Salisbury Road Construction & Demolition Landfill Phase 6. The contract was awarded to Culp Brothers, Inc., the lowest bidder meeting the specifications, at an estimated \$369,330. This cost of construction is lower than the engineer's estimate of \$725,000.</p>
	General Business
	<p>The Utility Commission awarded a contract to Ronnie's Trucking and Grading for a sanitary sewer easement maintenance contract. The contract is for clearing 454,000 lineal feet of light, medium, and heavy vegetation to re-establish access on our easements. Ronnie's Trucking and Grading was the lowest bidder meeting the specifications in the estimated amount of \$183,420 which is less than the FY 09-10 budgeted amount of \$300,000.</p>
	Planning and Policy
	<p>The Commission approved three amendments to its policies. Two are related to utilizing the lowest assessable cost for water and sewer that is based on either the established rate or on the project's actual construction costs. The third item is related to the capacity evaluation process and certification of capacity of all new sewer flow to be connected to the Commission's system.</p>

Administration

The Commission approved a contract with Wilkes County relating to the Kerr Scott Lake Reservoir. The contract grants the Commissions consent for Wilkes County to construct a withdrawal facility above the 1,000 foot elevation point and sell the water it obtains to the Towns of Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro. This consent is necessary per the 1959 and 1960 formal agreements executed by both parties during the construction of the reservoir.

The Utility Commission approved a resolution that affirmed required assurances and agreements and designated an authorized representative to file the applications for wastewater infrastructure funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This resolution included four wastewater infrastructure projects for consideration, totaling \$2,913,684 in requested funding.

The Commission confirmed assessment rolls containing certain agreements requesting the financing of payments for water and/or sewer service charges related to the connection of either or both utilities. The 10 property owners contained within these rolls waived their right to a public hearing.