MINUTES

Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District Commission, Regular Meeting, held at 200 Commerce Street, Spartanburg, SC, May 28, 2019, at 2:15 p.m.


Commissioners present were Mses. Barnes and Viney and Messrs. Blanton, Horton, Littlejohn, Montgomery, and White. No one was absent.

The meeting was opened with the following statement:

This is a regular meeting of the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District Commission. Written notice of the date, time, and place for this meeting, along with the agenda, has been posted in the lobby and on the Spartanburg Water website, and copies mailed to local and nearby news media, at least 24 hours prior to this meeting.

1. PRAYER

Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order and Gene Jackson opened with a prayer.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2019 AND BUDGET WORK SESSION OF MAY 20, 2019

Mayor White moved and Ms. Barnes seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FACILITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

SSSD received SCDHEC Facility Excellence Awards for three of its wastewater treatment plants at the S.C. Environmental Conference sponsored by WEASC and AWWA’s South Carolina Section. On March 11, 2019, SCDHEC presented their 2018 Facilities Excellence Awards for the following wastewater treatment facilities:
  • Clifton-Converse
  • Cowpens
  • Fingerville

These awards are presented to facilities that demonstrate excellence in facility operations, maintenance and management, and the protection of the environment while meeting or exceeding customer expectations.

Rick Jolley, Wastewater Treatment Manager, presented the awards received by the SSSD facilities and provided an overview of the award requirements and process.

The Commission congratulated management and staff on these accomplishments.

4. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Newt Pressley presented a financial summary of SSSD expenditures and revenues for the ten-month period ending April 30, 2019. An explanation was provided for the favorable and unfavorable budget variances.
5. SOUTH TYGER RIVER GRIT CLASSIFIER

Bids were received on May 16, 2019, for the purchase of a Grit Classifier for the South Tyger River Wastewater Treatment Facility. The grit classifier is a part of the grit removal system designed to separate, dewater, and remove grit. The equipment is required to run for several hours on a daily basis. DHEC requires equipment design flow of 1 million gallons per day (MGD). The request for bid was advertised in the local media and forwarded to prospective vendors. The solicitation drew responses from three bidders. A cost tabulation of the responses is listed below.

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Management recommended an award be granted to the lowest, responsive bidder, Ovivo USA, LLC at a cost of $48,764. Funding will be provided by SSSD depreciation funds.

Remsen Parrish, Purchasing Manager, provided an overview of the bid process and the recommended provider.

Ms. Barnes moved and Mr. Littlejohn seconded the motion to approve management’s recommendation to award the bid to Ovivo USA, LLC at a cost of $48,764. The motion passed unanimously.

6. WASTEWATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS BID

An online reverse auction event was held on May 9, 2019, in order to obtain pricing for wastewater treatment chemicals for the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District wastewater treatment facilities. Eight vendors participated in the event. The pricing submitted is for the contract term July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. The results of the event are tabulated below.
Management recommended awards to the responsive bidders for those products indicated on the bid tabulation summary. Funding will be provided through the annual operating fund.

Remsen Parrish, Purchasing Manager, provided an overview of the online reverse auction bid process and the recommended providers.

Mr. Montgomery moved and Mr. Littlejohn seconded the motion to approve management’s recommendation of awards to the lowest responsive bidders for those products indicated on the bid tabulation summary. The motion passed unanimously.

7. FAIRFOREST BASIN LARGE LINE CLEANING AND CCTV PHASE 1 – SUMMARY

The Fairforest Basin Large Line Cleaning and CCTV Phase 1 Project is complete. Hydrostructures cleaned and inspected approximately 10,500 LF of large diameter (21-inch) pipeline along Fairforest Creek from Hayne Street in the Arcadia Community to Powell Mill Road ahead of schedule.

The District included a clause in the contract that allowed an increase in the scope of work up to 25% at the same unit price as the original bid without negotiation. The contractor, Hydrostructures, was receptive to increasing the contract scope honoring the original unit price.

Based on the contract clause, the District increased the scope of the project (approximately) 2,500 LF. Staff prepared a change order in the amount of $28,750 for the cleaning and inspection of an additional 2,500 LF of 21-inch diameter pipeline. The decision to execute the Change Order while the contractor was on-site eliminated an $8,000 mobilization fee.
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Original Contract Price      $129,325
Change Order No. 1 – Additional 2,500 LF Line Cleaning & CCTV Inspection $28,750
Revised Contract Price (final) $158,075

The change order was executed on behalf of the Commission.

Approximately 7.8 tons of debris was removed from the Fairforest Interceptor and hauled to the landfill for disposal.

Janet Cann, Construction Manager, provided the Commission with an overview of the Fairforest Basin Large Line Cleaning and CCTV Phase 1.

The above was provided as information to the Commission.

8. OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT – BLUE STONE COMMERCIAL PARK

R. Jay Investment, LLC proposes to construct approximately 1,224 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer line to provide service to 9 commercial lots located on Fairview Church Road. The sewer line will connect to the existing Spartanburg Water infrastructure. The domestic waste will be treated at the Fairforest Wastewater Treatment Facility. The developer will bear all costs.

The line will be constructed according to District-approved plans and specifications, with District inspection provided. The owner will provide all necessary right-of-way and easement agreements for this project.

The form of the agreement transferring ownership of the gravity sewer to the District has been reviewed by the District’s attorney and executed by R. Jay Investment, LLC. Under the terms of the resolution adopted by the Commission on May 29, 1990, this agreement has been executed on behalf of the Commission by the Chief Executive Officer.

The above was provided as information to the Commission.

9. NEGOTIATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Ms. Schneider asked the SSSD Chair to appoint the Sewer Audit Committee. Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Horton, and Mayor White agreed to serve on the Sewer Audit Committee.

B. Ms. Schneider noted that the Chamber of Commerce OneSpartanburg Community Action Team Meetup will be held on June 6 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the AC Hotel. Your Voice Matters. Each quarter, invested community members have the opportunity to gather to celebrate wins, get involved in new projects, and provide feedback to fuel OneSpartanburg’s initiatives. Please let Trish know if you would like to RSVP for this event.

C. Ms. Schneider stated that there will be a SCDNR Boating Safety Class held at Lake Bowen Park on June 8.
D. Ms. Schneider informed the Commission that Spartanburg Water will feature the Choose Tap Oasis at the 2019 Juneteenth event scheduled for Saturday, June 15 at Carver Middle School from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with free water bottles and information.

E. Ms. Schneider noted that the Economic Futures Group Investor Luncheon will be held on Monday, June 17 from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Spartanburg Marriott. Please let Trish know if you would like to attend.

F. Ms. Schneider stated that the next water and sewer Commission meetings will be held on June 25.

G. Ms. Schneider confirmed that the A. Manning Lynch Wastewater Treatment Facility Dedication Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. More details will follow.

H. Ms. Schneider noted that Spartanburg Water will feature the Choose Tap Oasis with free water bottles and information at the Carolina Panthers training camp kick-off party scheduled for July 26.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

G. Newton Pressley
Secretary-Treasurer

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