

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting
Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
July 12, 2012

Call to Order:

The special called meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 12th day of July, 2012, at the Thompson's Station Community Center with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Sarah Benson, Vice Mayor; Ron Barrett, Alderman; Nina Cooper, Alderman; Brinton Davis, Alderman; Greg Langeliers, Town Administrator; Doug Goetsch, Town Recorder; Todd Moore, Town Attorney; and Wendy Deats, Town Planner. Mayor Corey Napier was unable to attend so Vice Mayor Benson opened the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

The minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting were previously submitted. Alderman Cooper made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Alderman Barrett seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Discussion and Consideration of Bids for the Repair of Cell #2 of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Langeliers provided the background and history of the leak in Cell #2 and the process taken to explore how best to repair the cell. The project was put out to bid and although several firms looked at the project, there was only one bidder, Contracting Services, Inc. with a bid of \$1,087,446. He stated that after vetting the bidder and further consultation with Bruce Meyer, the Town's wastewater consultant, it was staff's recommendation to accept the bid and authorize the Mayor to enter in a contract with the winning bidder for the repair of Cell #2.

Mr. Meyer stated that he had checked the references provided by the bidder and they had all been positive with good reports. The owner, Mr. Wayne Haynes, was described as a "hands-on" project manager who was onsite virtually every day.

Alderman Cooper asked about bonding for the project and whether the bond supplied by the general contractor would also cover any sub-contractors as well. Mr. Moore replied that the bond would also cover any sub-contractors utilized by the general contractor. Mr. Meyer stated that the liner manufacturer chosen by Contracting Services was one that had been very interested in this project and Mr. Meyer proposed meeting with the liner manufacturer and Mr. Hayes to discuss the details and timing of this project.

Alderman Davis inquired about the asphalt paving section of the bid and Mr. Meyer replied that it was for the top of berm area around the top of the cell. There would also be a concrete retaining wall near the equipment building replacing an existing railroad-tie wall. The asphalt would help seal the berm and assist in preventing storm water from infiltrating behind the liner.

Vice Mayor Benson asked how the hole in Cell #2 would be repaired and Mr. Meyer responded that it would be filled with concrete, then a layer of stone, and topped with clay to match the surrounding clay level of the cell. The new liner would then cover the clay. The sidewalls would be inspected and rills would be filled.

Alderman Cooper asked how the contractor would be paid for the project. Mr. Meyer stated it would be based upon the percentage of work completed with monthly progress payments. Vice Mayor Benson asked where the funds would come from for payment to the contractor. Mr. Langeliers stated that \$800,000 was in the current budget for the project and the budget would have to be revised to reflect the \$1,087,446 cost of the project. There is a possibility that some proposed development projects might generate enough fees to cover the balance needed, or alternatively, a lending source would be found. The lender could be a bank or could even be loaned from the General Fund. Any loan would require prior approval by the State.

Alderman Barrett asked if TDEC would be present during the construction process and Mr. Meyer replied that typically TDEC would inspect the repair after completion and review the plans and have a final inspection before they allow the plant to operate.

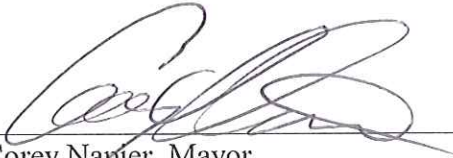
After discussion, Alderman Cooper made a motion to accept the bid of \$1,087,446 by Contracting Services, Inc. for the repair of Cell #2 of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, and authorize the mayor to enter into a contract for this project with two stipulations: first, that Staff look further into the bonding of the sub-contractors and report back to the Board; and second, that Staff and Mr. Meyer meet with the winning bidder to cover in detail the items covered in the scope of work for the project. Alderman Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Community Input

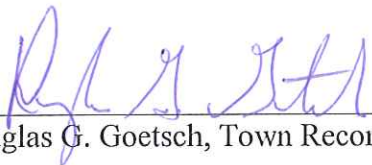
Mr. Richard Roberts of 2714 Critz Lane stated that he wanted to know what kind of warranty was to be provided on this project. Mr. Langeliers replied that there would be a warranty on the new liner and new construction completed, but that the prior construction would not be included. Mr. Meyer stated that current industry standards provides for a warranty of 1-2 years on workmanship and 5 years on materials. Mr. Roberts stated he was concerned that this could be a recurring problem where additional funds would be needed every few years to repair these ponds.

Mrs. Joyce Roberts of 2714 Critz Lane stated she was concerned about the heavy septage hauler trucks traveling the top of the berms of the treatment cells and possible damage to the berms. She asked if there was some other way they could access the plant. Mr. Langeliers replied that previously trucks were hauling septage to the main pump station, but a lack of a screening process was causing problems in the pump station. A solution is being tested now and should be implemented in the next month or two and the trucks will no longer be on the berms. Mr. Langeliers stated that while he did not believe that any damage was being done to the berms, but the plant is designed to take septage by flowing into the bottom of the pond, not from the top. Implementation of the new screening process would allow that septage to come into the pond from the pump station.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Corey Napier, Mayor

Attest: 

Douglas G. Goetsch, Town Recorder