February 3, 2021

Regular meeting of the City of Two Harbors Utility Committee held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

Members present: Glaser, Swanson, Redden

Also present:
Administrator Walker
Finance Director Pietila
Electric Supt. Prince
Gas, Water & Sewer Supt. Johnson
Water Plant Supt. Heikkila
Joe Rhein, Bolton & Menk
Brian Guldan, Bolton & Menk
Joel Odens, Bolton & Menk

Old Business:

1) Brian Guldan re: WWTP design/landscaping. (See Brian’s attachment)

2) Paul reviewed the water leak letter. Four people will receive the letter. Letter to be changed to “will” be disconnected. Letter has been reviewed and approved by the Utility Committee.

New Business:

1) Dan gave an update on NEMMPA. MN Power has until March 29th to submit a proposal to NEMMPA for the new terms of the power supply contract. Proposal must show immediate savings and long-term market power savings. There will be 90 days to negotiate if no deal has been met, NEMMPA will request proposals from other suppliers. Blake will provide a list of service concerns.

2) Discussion on shared sewers. No action taken. It is a matter between private parties. Discussion on Certificate of Compliance upon future sale.

3) Standing meeting dates will be the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.
AGENDA

1. **Attendees**
   Councilor Redden, Councilor Glaser, Mayor Swanson, Dan Walker, Miranda Pietila, Luke Heikkila, Paul Johnson, Blake Prince, Joel Odens, Katherine Gould, Joe Rhein, Brian Guldan

2. **Review of Decisions Made**
   a. Fence on entire west side to be concrete wall (Decision made at January 8th meeting)
   b. Decisions made during January 20th meeting
      i. Fence Style – Vertical members with small gaps and an industrial steel look
      ii. Dark color for fencing and concrete wall
      iii. No “pop outs” should be used at the site entrances

3. **Review of Decisions Yet to Be Made**
   a. Fence/Wall
      i. Final height and location of all fence/wall types. — Confirm current layout from January 20th is approved. Layout is approved with the adjustment that the fence on the north side of the site should be bid with an option for decorative fence in lieu of the salvaged chain link
      ii. Final selection of decorative fence. Decorative fence should be picketed Corten steel with some areas of solid plate steel with possible laser cut decorative figures or accents.
      iii. Style of stamped concrete/columns. Ledge rock look (Screen Wall ‘B’ in the attachments)
   b. Gates
      i. Aesthetic style/design Solid Corten panels with laser cuts
      ii. Type – Lift, Swing, Roller Swing gate (provide large enough leaf that only one side of the gate could be left open and city vehicles could enter/exit with one side open.
   c. Will structural steel look be utilized anywhere? No.
   d. Vegetation/plantings location and type. Include with project? Plantings on the west side of the site should be included in the project. All other plantings will occur after the project by the City. City does not want any trees planted inside the fence of the facility.
   e. Staging area to be utilized. Dan and Brian will be meeting with the property owners to discuss.
   f. Should lighting for walking trail be included in the WWTF project? Relocating the trail
was discussed for placement of lighting on the wall. Trail will stay at existing location.

4. **Review of Actions Items**
   a. Review of updated layouts and renderings.

   b. Discuss any updated information on possible construction easement for adjacent property.
      i. DNR property is not an option for staging area, except for the limits of the existing access road. Will need to utilize adjacent property or city land to the north of waterfront drive.
      ii. Concrete wall will require construction easement due to frost footings
      iii. At a minimum it is recommended to ask for an easement to the walking trail on the south side of the plant and 10 feet along the east side and north east corner.

   c. Tank Murals – Biosolids tank finish will have varying shades of grey. These types of tanks are normally painted to have a consistent finished look. Should the tank be painted under the contract? City chose to not paint the tanks as part of the project.

5. **New Action Items**
   a. Councilor Glaser voiced concern about vandalism and graffiti on the fence and wall. Councilor Glaser and Mayor Swanson recommended the addition of security cameras on the back and sides of the site.

   b. Joel to research possible graffiti issues and remedies for Corten steel.

6. **Decisions Yet to be Made**
   a. Layout and decoration of laser cut panels
   b. Staging area and construction easements

7. **Next meeting planned for Tuesday February 16th at 3:00 pm.**
8' Ht. Decorative Fence with Pickets

- 4" x 4" x 8' Corten steel post
- 3/8" x 2" Corten steel horizontal support
- Concrete veneer columns (to match local bridge abutment)
- Cream-white concrete cap
- 3/8" x 6" x 7.5' Corten steel picket
8' Ht. Decorative Fence with Panels

4" x 4" x 8' Corten steel post

6" x 4' Corten steel pane (can be laser cut)

Cream-white concrete cap

Concrete veneer columns (to match local bridge abutment)
8' Ht. Screening Wall

Concrete veneer columns & wall panels
(to match local bridge abutment)

Cream-white concrete cap
8' Ht. Screening Wall

Gray concrete cap
Concrete columns & wall panels to mimic North Shore ledgerock