

CITY OF GENOA

WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 20, 2022

Walter Stage called the July 20, 2022 City of Genoa Wastewater Treatment Commission Special Meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

On roll call, members Walter Stage, Nick Bradac, and Pam Wesner were present; Mayor Jonathon Brust, Janice Melton, Paul Naugle, and Alyssa Seguss, City of Genoa; and Elisa Bonkowski of Baxter and Woodman were also present.

Old Business:

- A. Walter Stage moved and Nick Bradac seconded to approve the July 6, 2022 Special Wastewater Treatment Committee meeting. Upon voice vote, all members present voted yes.
- B. Discussion on deliverables from the June 1, 2022 meeting:
 - i. Limiting Factors of Existing WWTP – Ms. Bonkowski will continue looking into this.
 - ii. Package Plant Costs – Dependent on the additional capacity needed. A trailer mounted package plant could be between \$1 million and \$3 million. The larger package plant, the Orbal (oxidation ditch), with two new secondary clarifiers, chemical phosphorus removal, two excess flow clarifiers, and an effluent flow meter was \$12.5 million.
 - iii. Increased volume package plants allow – This is determined by the municipality, the volume can range and some package plants can be expanded onto.
 - iv. Major Plant Designation – Ms. Bonkowski explained that more than likely that the capacity of the plant would be rounded up by the IEPA when designating whether or not the plant is major or not. In example, .99 is 1, .95 is 1. She will continue to look into this.
 - v. Equipment Costs – The budget in general was discussed – An additional \$250,000 per year would be needed to cover the budget shortfall if sewer services were no longer provided and the City retained the same number of employees.
 - vi. Employee Costs – see note above. Staff will provide budget details to the Committee.

New Business:

- A. Discuss Wastewater Treatment Options
 - i. Member round table: What does the Committee need to know to provide a recommendation to the City Council?
 - a. Mr. Stage said that he would like to know if the City can save the capital fee in order to help pay for the future expansion / connection to KWRD. Also provided feedback that he would like

to see a WWTP expansion that would last (i.e. the Orbal) that would allow expansion. He would also be curious as to the cost of incrementally adding onto the existing plant.

- b. Ms. Wesner would like more information on what a future contract with KWRD would contain. She would like the Committee to be very clear on what the community wants in the contract. She would also like to know what employees of the City need to be able to work with KWRD.
- c. Mr. Bradac said he needs to better understand how the City will be utilizing the additional capacity if the City increased its waste treatment capacity. A Comprehensive Plan was discussed and the Mayor explained that he has a goal of growing the community in a way that makes sense which includes housing, commercial, and industrial. Mr. Bradac said that he would like to see a phased build out of the City's WWTP to increase capacity. Mr. Bradac would also like to know where the current "bottleneck" is at the WWTP. He would also like to more closely look at the KWRD ordinances.

B. Discuss Action Items for next meeting:

The following questions arose throughout the meeting to which the Commission requested feedback:

- i. Verify how we came to an expansion of .5 MGD
- ii. How long could the existing plant last? What is the expected remaining capacity over the next 10 years?
- iii. Provide Committee with the details on the \$250,000 budget shortfall

Mr. Bradac made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM, seconded by Mr. Stage. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye.