

CITY OF GENOA

WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

August 17, 2022

Pam Wesner called the August 17, 2022 City of Genoa Wastewater Treatment Committee Special Meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

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

Old Business:

- A. Ms. Wesner moved and Mr. Bradac seconded to approve the August 3, 2022 Special Wastewater Treatment Committee meeting. Upon voice vote, all members present voted yes.
- B. Discussion on deliverables from the August 3, 2022 meeting:
 - i. City/County population projections - Ms. Seguss stated that the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation provided population data for the City's previous Wastewater Treatment Plant study, however, DCEDC does not have current data.
 - ii. Feasibility and costs to reduce "bottlenecking" – City Engineer Bonkowski provided email correspondence that the approximate cost of reducing the current "bottlenecking" occurring at the Wastewater Treatment Plant would be approximately \$2.1 million to add a \$900,000 secondary clarifier as well as two new aeration tanks, totaling \$1.2 million. This would create an additional 0.1 MGD of capacity. The Committee noted that the 0.1 MGD increase seems to be proportionate when considering costs when comparing to the larger .5 MGD projects previously proposed. The Committee discussed this option and would like to know what is the right amount of capacity (somewhere between 0.1 and 0.5, presently), however, this bottlenecking reduction could be an option in the future in a bind. The question then became how much capacity is needed. The Committee reviewed the data that showed each 0.1 MGD could serve 3 equivalents of Custom Aluminum / Polar Tech (industrial businesses).

New Business:

- A. Discuss KWRD ordinances and agreements:
 - i. Ordinance 601: The Committee discussed KWRD's Ordinance 601. The Committee likes the ordinance's rates and would like to amend the City's ordinances to model it. The Committee discussed the need to use increased fees to save for future expansion needs. When this change occurs, the Committee stated that there would need to be a campaign to inform residents and businesses what the increase is for.
 - ii. KWRD and Malta 2020 Agreement: The Committee discussed their concern with paragraph 4 of this document that requires Malta to get

approval for an expansion of the service area. The Committee would like to know more about what this process means. The Committee also discussed that they would like to see a “clawback” or a way to take back the sewer infrastructure if the City is unhappy with KWRD’s service.

The Committee discussed the need to have a list of questions and requirements to regionalize in order to be most productive when KWRD attends a meeting. A date for KWRD to attend a Committee meeting will be determined in the future.

The Committee did not have sufficient time to review the other agreements and their review and discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

B. Discuss Action Items for next meeting:

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

- i. Ms. Melton will be working on updating the new rates ordinance the include updating the City’s strengths / surcharges for wastewater.
- ii. Ms. Seguss will follow up with Mr. Eddington of KWRD to inquire about examples of usage of large(r) industrial companies, i.e. Ferrara and Facebook.

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