

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015
8:30 A.M.

Present: Michael G. Lallier, Chairman
Lynne B. Greene, Vice Chairman
Wade R. Fowler, Jr., Secretary
Darsweil L. Rogers, Treasurer

Others Present: Steve Blanchard, Interim CEO/General Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
James Arp, Council Liaison
Glenn Adams, County Liaison
Robert Hines, United Way of North Carolina
PWC Staff
Media

Absent: Mike Bailey, Hope Mills Liaison
John Ellis, Hope Mills Liaison

Chairman Lallier called the meeting of March 25, 2015, to order.

Presentation of United Way Awards

Robert Hines, President & CEO of United Way of Cumberland County presented several awards to PWC.

Spirit of Caring Award

Dwight Miller, PWC Chief Finance Officer, received this award for serving 7 years with United Way of Cumberland County. Mr. Miller Chaired the Impact Council; the Community Impact Review Committee; the Personnel Committee and the Finance Audit Committee. He also served as a member of the Executive Committee; as an Officer in the capacity as Treasurer; Chairman of United Way and Chairman of the Board.

Chairman's Award

PWC received this award for having 94% participation (one of the highest in the nation) and for contributing \$118,766.00 which is the third highest campaign in Cumberland County.

Marquis Award

PWC has received this award since its conception. PWC has 37 Marquis Members.

Spirit of North Carolina Award

PWC has received this award 8 consecutive years for outstanding commitment and support to our community through our local United Way Campaign. Steve Blanchard, Interim CEO/General Manager accepted the awards on behalf of the PWC employees.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Consent Items

Upon motion by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, the following Consent Items were unanimously approved.

- A. Minutes of meeting of March 11, 2015.
- B. Bid recommendation to award contract for the Outfall Rehabilitation – (US301 to Research Drive) to Insituform Technologies, Chesterfield, MO, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the total amount of \$1,947,763.90 and forward to City Council for approval.

This is a budgeted item in FY2015 – CIP WS66 for \$2,400,000.

Bids were received on February 27, 2015.

Bidders	Total Cost
Insituform Technologies, Chesterfield, MO	\$1,947,763.90
Layne Inliner, LLC, Gastonia, NC	\$2,143,850.00

Notes: Plans and specifications were requested by six (6) contractors with two (2) contractors responding. This bid was originally scheduled to open on February 19, 2015; however, only two (2) bids were received. North Carolina General Statutes require three (3) bids be received in order to open on the first advertisement. The project was re-advertised and bids were opened on February 27, 2015. The lowest responsive, responsible bidder is recommended.

Discuss Butler Warner Generation Plant HRSG Life Extension Project

*Presented by: Steven K. Blanchard, Interim CEO/General Manager
Reggie Wallace, Director-Generation, Power Supply & Compliance*

Steven Blanchard, Interim CEO/General Manager stated this item would normally be on the consent agenda but due to timing issues the bids were not evaluated in time.

Mr. Blanchard presented Reggie Wallace, Director of Generation, Power Supply and Compliance to the Commission.

Mr. Wallace apologized for the late date in presenting this bid recommendation to the Commission. In order for this project to go forward, PWC needed to negotiate an outage window with Duke Progress which has now been scheduled.

Mr. Wallace also gave background on the need for repairs to the Heat Recovery Steam Generators at Butler Warner Generation Plant. He noted the current bid from Waco, Inc., located in Bladenboro, North Carolina (\$761,506.04) is significantly lower than originally projected.

Council Liaison Arp asked staff if there were any local companies who had the capacity to perform these services for PWC. Mr. Wallace replied that no local companies applied. Mr. Trego noted we sent the bid out twice and referred to the bid history listing the organizations that were notified. Mr. Wallace also noted Waco hires local union and non-union welders and inspectors. A substantial amount of their labor staff lives in and around Cumberland County, though we do not require for them to do so.

Chairman Lallier asked Mr. Wallace if he was aware of any local companies who were capable of performing these services. He replied no.

Chairman Lallier thanked staff for their due diligence and for achieving the cost savings. Commissioner Rogers motioned, Commissioner Greene seconded and was unanimously approved to accept staff's recommendation to award the bid for the Butler Warner HRSG Life Extension Project to Waco Inc., in Bladenboro, NC and send the recommendation to City Council for approval.

General Manager Report

Steve Blanchard, Interim CEO/General Manager stated staff will discuss the IBT issue in closed session. Chairman Lallier requested for City Staff and Council Member Arp to join in the closed session.

Mr. Blanchard stated PWC will have a Power and Water Conservation Expo at Skyview On Hay on Friday, March 27th (4th Friday). PWC will provide conservation tools; energy efficiency light bulbs; information on incentive programs; fat trappers; free seedlings, information on advance metering; LED Lightings and more. PWC employees have volunteered as well as CAG members. Sustainable Sandhills is expected to be on site as well.

The Customer Survey will begin in April. PWC has been conducting this survey for several years to receive feedback from customers on the services we provide to them.

Mr. Blanchard also asked for guidance on how the Commission would like to schedule sessions for Operating and Capital Budgets. Commission will discuss Capital Budget during the Commission Meeting of April 8th, recess and continue on April 17th @ 10:15 a.m. to discuss the Operating Budget.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- A. Monthly Cash Flow Reports for
 - July 2014
 - August 2014
 - September 2014
 - October 2014
 - November 2014
 - December 2014
- B. Position Vacancies
- C. Approved Utility Extension Agreement(s):
 - Alpha Academy, Inc. – Water and Sewer Services to Serve Alpha Charter Academy Addition
 - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints – Water and Sewer Services to serve Raeford Ward Church
 - Birchwood Farms, Inc. – Water and Sewer Services to serve Cypress Lakes Village Section 8 Addition
 - Caviness Land Development, Inc. – Water and Sewer Services to serve Blackbridge Village Subdivision
 - CBMM Properties, LLC – Water and Sewer Services to serve The Estates of Georgetown Phase 1
 - GRRF, LLP – Water and Sewer Services to serve Sheffield Farms North Sec. 4

Comments

County Liaison Adams informed the Commission that he drafted a letter to Representative Szoka requesting for the delegation to delete the provision that dealt with the annexation of property when PWC extends water.

Closed Session as allowed under N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss legal matters.

Chairman Lallier entertained a motion to go into closed session for legal matters as allowed under N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3).

Upon motion by Commissioner Greene and seconded by Commissioner Rogers, the Commission unanimously voted to go into closed session at 8:59 a.m. as allowed under N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss legal matters.

Following discussion, upon motion made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Greene, the Commission unanimously voted to return to open session at 10:02 a.m.

There being no further business, upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Greene and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.