

CITY OF GROVEPORT
REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 20, 2015

ADMINISTRATION – *Marsha Hall*

- Legislation
Preliminary Consent Legislation for US-33 resurfacing project – no cost to City; a very short portion of US-33 is within our corporation boundaries so we need to give this project our blessing. The signed legislation must be returned to ODOT by March 31.

- Fighting Fish Use of Outdoor Aquatics Pool
The decision as to when to allow the swim team use of the pool needs to be decided. Kyle will not be attending the meeting; however, Steve Hawkins will be attending to assist with this discussion.

- Columbus Water Contract
The Law Director, Engineer and I have completed our review of the Columbus water contract, met with the City of Columbus, and are now ready to recommend the proposed contract.

Included in the proposed contract are the following changes from the current contract:

- 25 year term, with re-negotiation of contract to begin 1 year from termination of contract.
Contract allows for termination at any time by either party with a 3 year notification. The current term included 3-year automatic extensions.
- We have requested that Area A (Groveport water system area) be revised to include several properties contiguous to the current Area A, primarily properties owned by the City of Groveport
- EMR (Equivalent Maintenance Ratio) determines the threshold for any given year, pertaining to the number of water main repairs, above which the City of Groveport would have to pay for said repairs made by the City of Columbus in Area B, the area supplied by Columbus. Below the threshold, Columbus does not charge Groveport for repairs to breaks on the system. Currently, the EMR value is set at 150%. The proposed contract will reduce the EMR threshold to 135% for the 1st year of the contract down to 115% for the 2nd year, then to 100% all remaining years. While this is currently not an issue for us because of our newer water mains within the Columbus water system (we have had 0 water main repairs since day 1), you should just be aware that this may become an issue several years into the contract when the water mains are older.
- Associated with the EMR issue, if the annual breakage rate exceeds 200% of the EMR for 3 consecutive years (an overabundance of water main repairs being needed), we will be required to implement a responsive pipeline replacement program. This is redundant, because this is something that we would want to take care of for the sake of our residents/businesses.

In reviewing our proposed contracts with the new contracts for the other contract communities, we have found that the language in our contract is consistent with theirs.

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- Water Treatment Plant Construction

The plant construction is a little over half way completed, and our latest pay request now brings our payment to just a little over half of the contract total. We are right on course.

- OPWC Grant Applications

At this time neither the Hendron Road or West Bixby Road projects scored high enough for funding in 2015. This year was very competitive, with more than \$80 million of funding requested and only \$24 million available. Only 11 projects (plus 3 township projects) were funded. There are only four projects ahead of the Hendron Road project until funding; however, two of those projects requested a total of \$9,689,999. We will be reviewing our Hendron Road project application with MORPC to determine how to better score the project in 2015.

Meetings Attended:

Jan. 8 MORPC
Jan. 15 Toy Road meeting
Jan. 15 Employee Safety Committee meeting

Upcoming Meetings:

01/22 SWACO Consortium meeting
01/27 Mtg with COTA re. transportation needs