

**CITY OF KUNA  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 20, 2006  
KUNA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 763 W. AVALON**

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Mayor Dean Obray called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**Present:** Mayor Dean Obray, Council President Jeff Lang, Councilwoman Stroebel, Councilman Cardoza. Councilmen Dowdy arrived 10:22 a.m.

Also present: City Attorney Randy Grove; Director of Public Works Jim Taylor, Wastewater Superintendent Leola Vega; City Clerk Lynda Burgess and Jim Keller, Larry Rupp, Randy Zollinger and Justin Walker representing Keller Associates.

**PRESENTATION BY KELLER ASSOCIATES REGARDING THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MEMBRANE BIDS:**

Larry Rupp distributed copies of his review of the bids and guided Council through the bid process:

Selection process steps:

- 1) Established a selection committee to select the successful vendor. Keller will assist the committee to evaluate the suppliers.
- 2) Mr. Rupp used the criteria set forth in the bid documents for evaluating each supplier in his review process.
- 3) He explained that the items in red on his review sheets are the criteria that the selection committee will complete. Two sheets for each supplier; the first is completely filled in based on his independent evaluation of each supplier. The second sheet has blanks that committee members will complete.

Mr. Rupp explained that, in order to evaluate the wastewater treatment experience, Keller Associates retained the services of Dr. David Jenkins, retired Professor of University of California at Berkley.

Mr. Keller clarified that there are some cost estimates on the first sheet that Larry has reviewed and rated on the three bids based on cost information and also an independent evaluation supplied by Dr. Jenkins.

- 5) In category 1 there is a zero or a blank to be completed by the committee members. On sheet 2, category 1 was completed by Mr. Rupp.

Mr. Rupp noted that Enviroquip has the largest tank volumes of the three potential vendors. They are judged to be the best design process and received a score of 15 out of 20. Enviroquip's longest running plant is 5 years.

Mr. Keller pointed out that with regard to the flux rate (= the amount of water pulled through per square inch; after the clean water is removed), both Zenon and Enviroquip indicated that the City should specify the rate that required. If there is an issue of capacity, both companies are willing to allow the flux rate to increase to another 10-20% so more water can be poured through the plant which will buy time to generate revenue for additional membranes. That may be a positive feature depending on how fast the growth rate continues to be in the City. If the City ever got behind, these plants might be able to provide more flexibility.

Regarding Zenon/Kubota, Mr. Rupp reported that the longest running plant is 9 years; chemical costs are high; they do not process biological reduction of phosphorous so they are getting all their phosphorous levels by adding chemical.

The longest running plant produced by Siemens /US Filter is 5 years.

Mr. Keller summarized issues that they want to check on and report back to Council: 1) the biological process and the power/chemical combination on the O & M costs; 2) better understanding of the company's references; 3) warranty with or without back pulsing and if the City were to go to a higher price; 4) equipment costs on cycling valves and motor replacement.

Mayor Obray asked if the Council decides to go with Zenon and if the City puts in a biological flux rate removal system, would the capitalization costs stay within budget.

Councilman Cardoza asked that Keller supply information on how many plants are in operation for each of the three bidders. How beneficial are the service centers for the bidders systems?

Mayor Obray asked Keller to find out what equipment the City would need to have on hand for each system as this would supply information on possible failure rate.

In addition, Mr. Keller will be looking for more information regarding training for operators prior to start-up.

Interviews will be held with each company starting with Zenon on Monday, November 27, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. and Enviroquip at 1:00 p.m. On Tuesday, November 28, 2006 an interview will be conducted with Siemens at 10:00 a.m. Seven members, plus engineering staff, will rate the three bidders at the interviews with final selection on November 28<sup>th</sup> after the Seimans interview.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Randy Grove reported that he and the Mayor met with John Sullivan from the Bureau of Land Management on November 16, 2006 regarding acquisition of BLM land for the recreation facility. Mr. Sullivan revealed that the problem with developing the ground is that there is pepper grass close enough to the sewer plant to be within the ½ mile buffer zone. The City will

not be able to develop any of the sewer plant ground into recreational facilities because it is within ½ mile of that buffer zone. Mr. Grove further reported that he had attended a meeting earlier this morning hosted by Mr. Steinbacher with staff from Senator Larry Craig's office. Senator Craig's staff thinks that the recreational facility is a good proposal and they would like to see some uses that separate the BLM land from residential or commercial development such as recreational or environmental education to mitigate the impacts of BLM ground.

Councilwoman Stroebel left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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O. Dean Obray, Mayor

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Lynda Burgess, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: DECEMBER 5, 2006