

Special Meeting  
December 5, 2011  
City of Oswego

Present: Councilmembers Dee Brown, Jane Rea, Bill Owens, Darren Tynan, Terry Edwards with Mayor Glenn Fischer presiding. Danny Coltrane, Kenny LaForge, Jason Coltrane, Supt. Donnie Allison, and Clerk Cheri Peine.

Absent: Councilmember Ty Lewis.

The meeting was called to discuss a change order for the water distribution project.

Danny Coltrane, Engineer with SKW presented information on installing risers and check valves within water meters in the city's distribution system. He advised that KDH&E regulations state that meters will be at a depth of 30" or more and most of our meters are less than this. With risers it would raise meters out of water and mud, would make it much easier for city crews to read and maintain the meters and lays the groundwork for installation of electronic meters in the future.

Kenny LaForge presented information regarding costs for installing the risers and this was reviewed in detail. The cost as submitted would utilize contingencies that would eliminate the Woodcliffe Heights Addition rehabilitation – which was approved at the last meeting.

Coltrane said that many systems have city mains 100-120 years that are in service. Over time lime softening can reduce the size of pipe. The Woodcliffe Heights main is 40-50 years old. With the water regulations we have today water quality is more consistent and typically there is less build up in these newer mains than the older ones where that was not the case.

Service lines could be done by city employees or could use additional funds to help pay for this item.

Coltrane also noted that the city would have to demonstrate no other needs to the system in order to have the cost of or a portion of the cost of a backhoe purchased with grant funds. This was an item that has been discussed if any funds are remaining.

Coltrane added that since Attorney Rick Tucker had provided an opinion on the 31 meters to be relocated due to service lines and meters being great distances from their homes that the city could replace the property owner's service line without obtaining an easement he was using the assumption it would be okay to make the five foot replacement of a property owner's service line that would be required to place a riser into the meter.

The city needs to determine if they want to do relocates all meters or just reconnects; and then to add setters or not.

Allison advised that if the service lines are replaced now, for those that will have to go across the street it will eliminate digging up the roads after the resurfacing project is done.

After further discussion, Brown made a motion and Rea seconded to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$379,127.50. This includes doing Alternate #1 – Woodcliffe Heights Addition \$111,324.75; Alternate #4 – Replacing the remaining service lines (a portion was done in a previous change order) \$252,511.50; and Alternate #5 – Neosho River Crossing \$15,291.25 and only doing the reconnects as bid in the original base bid as item number #32. Peine will check with Rural Development to see if the city can purchase the risers with grant funds to be installed by city personnel over time, and if city labor can be reimbursed through grant funds. Motion carried with Tynan and Edwards voting no.

Owens made a motion and Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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Glenn Fischer, Mayor

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Cheri R. Peine, City Clerk