

Special Council Meeting
February 23, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
City of Oswego, Kansas

Present: Councilmembers Jane Rea, Dee Brown, Darren Tynan, Bill Owens and Kelly Vance with Mayor Glenn Fischer presiding.

Also Present: City Superintendent Calvin Jurgensen, City Clerk Carol Eddington, Bill Cunningham, Caleb Strickland, John Davis, Heather Brown, David Newby, Carole McKinley, Wanda Strickland and Paula Kern.

Water Plant – Filter Leak

The special meeting was held to inform the Council of the situation at the water plant with the leak in the south filter that Supt. Jurgensen reported at the last Council meeting. Jurgensen consulted with the city's engineering firm, Shafer, Kline & Warren. Danny Coltrane inspected the filter and determined that the media needs to be removed so a structural engineer can assess the situation. Only then, can a recommendation be made on the necessary repair of the filter.

Coltrane said that Rural Water District 23 just went through the bidding process for filter media removal. Jurgensen consulted them and received the name of Tri-Star Utilities. Tri-Star provided a quote of \$3,200 for removing the filter media.

Jurgensen also consulted KDHE representative, Richard Thomas, who was here a couple of weeks ago doing an inspection of the water plant. Jurgensen asked him whether the city should put new filter media in or use the old filter media (that is 7-8 years old). Thomas' recommendation was for the city to put in new filter media when the repairs are completed.

In consulting Rural Development (RD) about whether the city could possibly use remaining Streambank Project grant funds for the repairs to the water plant, the city was told that RD wants the water plant to be in good working order at the end of the project so they were willing to allow the city to get these repairs made with the remaining \$132,000 grant funds. Rural Development said the city cannot enter into a new contract with Shafer, Kline & Warren as that would constitute a new project. The city will pay SKW at their regular hourly rate, however, the city will do as much as possible to keep costs down.

Owens made a motion and Tynan seconded to approve hiring Tri-Star Utilities to remove the filter media. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Brown made a motion and Rea seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Mayor Glenn Fischer

Attest:

City Clerk Carol J. Eddington