

PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 23, 2010
2010 SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mayor Keith declared the Public Hearing on the 2010 Sewer System Rehabilitation Project was now open. Mayor Keith recognized Bob Sturdivant, HDR Engineers, Inc.

Mr. Sturdivant stated this was a mandatory Public Hearing for the proposed project.

Sturdivant reported the project included the replacement of approximately 2,400 linear feet (LF) of 12-inch gravity sewer; 4,250 LF of 10-inch gravity sewer; 61,000 LF of 8-inch gravity sewer; 256 manholes; 7,500 LF of 6-inch force main; and 3,500 LF of 4-inch force main. Also, replace five pump stations and eliminate two pump stations.

The service area of the proposed project will be in the City limits.

There has been a flow monitoring study done and City personnel have performed TV monitoring. There has been confirmation of lines crumbling. These lines need to be repaired or replaced.

USDA/Rural Development is preparing the environmental impact study. There is no significant impact on historic properties, endangered species, wetlands or farmlands.

An application as been submitted to USDA/RD for the entire project which is for a \$2,960,000 grant and \$6,800,000 loan. This project can be for this entire amount of for any portion chosen by the City.

HDR Engineers, Inc. is in the process of submitting the summary addendums and completing the financials for the funding. Commissioner Mattmiller previously alluded to financing and sewer rates.

USDA/RD called to encourage applications to move forward now. There is a potential for an interest rate increase in 2011 of possibly a full percent. If the City is ready to move now, they could capitalize on the current interest rate of 3%.

Mayor Keith stated he would entertain comments from the public on the proposed sewer system rehabilitation project.

Commissioner Moore asked if this was the same project looked at 6-8 months ago. Yes, it is. The application has gone in and this Public Hearing is the next step.

Commissioner Moore asked if this project will be by priorities or if the City will be doing the whole thing. This is number #1 - #6 of the original eleven discussed. These areas have the highest incidents of I & I.

Gary Royalty reported that the WWTP is rated as a 2 million gallon per day plant. This past spring, during heavy rains, it handled 6 million. There was no bypass. The City needs to address the collection system to avoid any possibility of bypassing which could lead to some trouble for the City.

Mayor Keith asked if there were any more questions or comments from

the public.

There being no further comments, Mayor Keith declared the Public Hearing closed.

Charleen McIlvain, City Clerk

John M. Keith, Jr., Mayor

