

TOWN OF CENTURY, FLORIDA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: April 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Contract with Clearwater – Water/Wastewater Department

DEPARTMENT: Water/Wastewater Department

PRESENTED BY: Dave Murzin

BACKGROUND:

The existing contract with Clearwater has expired. Due to current funding constraints, it is recommended that the Town not renew the Clearwater contract, which was \$17,410.00 per month.

In place of the Clearwater contract, it is recommended that the Town initiate a twelve (12) month contract for consultant services to manage Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requirements, reporting, and overall regulatory compliance for the water and wastewater systems.

Additionally, it is recommended that the Town enter into a short-term Water Operator contract to perform all required water system duties for a period of sixty (60) days, or until proper certification is obtained.

During this transition period, it is further recommended that the Town hire a certified wastewater operator to assume all wastewater responsibilities. At this time, the Town has identified a potential candidate to fill the wastewater operator position, and it is anticipated that this individual will also obtain water certification within sixty (60) days.

REQUEST:

Staff requests that the Town Council:

1. Approve the decision to not renew the Clearwater contract;
2. Authorize the initiation of a twelve (12) month consultant services contract for DEP compliance, reporting, and oversight;

3. Authorize a sixty (60) day Water Operator contract; and
4. Approve the hiring of a certified wastewater operator.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of all items as presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed changes are expected to reduce overall monthly costs compared to the previous Clearwater contract. Funding will be provided through the Water and Wastewater Utility Funds.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

I move to approve the non-renewal of the Clearwater contract and authorize the Town to proceed with a twelve (12) month consultant services contract, a sixty (60) day Water Operator contract, and the hiring of a certified wastewater operator as presented.

