

Public Works Committee

COMMITTEE REPORT



MEETING: Public Works Committee Meeting – 21 JAN 2025
Present: P8 Alan Nix, Chair; P2 Gerald Cook, P4 Dean Parr; P6 David Baskett
Absent: None
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
STAFF CONTACT: Nick Williams

Agenda Item 1: Habitat for Humanity

Discussion: Ms. Stacy Morrison, representing Erath County Habitat for Humanity, presented a request for a partnership with the City of Stephenville whereby six undeveloped lots on the east side of Drew Avenue would be developed with homes built by Erath County Habitat for Humanity.

The partnership would provide for the city to install the water and sewer utilities as well as the pavement for the six-lot development. It was noted the estimated cost of performing the water line installation, sewer line installation, and street paving is approximately \$214,000. Internal funding would be used for the work. The approximate cost accounts for materials but does not include labor.

Ms. Stacy Morrison confirmed the build site was donated property and there are currently no other anticipated build sites in Stephenville. It was also noted that a development engineer has donated their services for this project. Ms. Morrison indicated building is based on funding and families that qualify for Habitat's program.

Committee Action: Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Baskett, seconded by Mr. Parr, to forward a positive recommendation to the full council to approve the city's partnership with Erath County Habitat for Humanity.

Recommendation: The committee voted unanimously to forward a positive recommendation to the full council to approve the city's partnership with Erath County Habitat for Humanity as presented.

Agenda Item 2: Jacobs/CH2M OMI Proposed Agreement Amendment for FY 2024-2025

Discussion: The proposed amendment to the wastewater treatment plant operations agreement was discussed. It was noted this FY24-25 would be the 29th consecutive year partnering with a contractor to provide the day-to-day operations at the wastewater treatment plant.

It was also noted that the calculated, contractual rate of 5.84% was negotiated down to 3.00% for a contractual savings of \$20,379.52. The \$21,528.00 overall increase is 2.18% above last year and results in an annual operational cost of \$1,008,430.00 for the wastewater treatment plant.

It was noted the \$36,409.00 increase above the FY24-25 budgeted amount would be offset by a reduction in the plant's capital project budget to cover the cost between the proposed amount and the \$972,021.00 amount budgeted.

Committee Action: Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Baskett, to forward a positive recommendation to the full council to approve the annual operations agreement amendment (Amendment No. 18) as presented.

Recommendation: The committee voted to forward a positive recommendation to the full council to approve the annual operations agreement amendment as presented.