

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE UTILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
GARDNER, KANSAS**

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The Utilities Advisory Commission of Gardner, Kansas, met in Regular Session on January 2, 2020, at City Hall. Present were Chairman Gary Williams, Vice Chairman Kristina Harrison, Commissioner Barbara Coleman, Commissioner Andrew Taylor, Utilities Department Director Gonzalo Garcia, and Administrative Assistant Erin Groh.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gary Williams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Standing approval of the minutes as written for the November 7, 2019, meeting of the Utility Advisory Commission.**

Motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Vice Chairman Harrison, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried 4-0 Aye

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consider a recommendation to the City Council to procure a High Press CO2 Fire Protection System for the Gas Turbines.**

Director Gonz Garcia presented the staff report.

Director Garcia discussed how the current CO2 system has leaks and no longer meets NFPA suggested design practices and how a new CO2 will allow for us to keep fire protection active when the gas turbines are available in stand-by operation which is the status 99% of the time. Commissioner Coleman asked what the difference was between the two companies who submitted bids. Director Garcia stated that Johnson Controls Fire Protection has to go out and purchase the product from another company and install it, but Keller Fire & Safety represents the manufacturer here in Kansas.

Motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to forward a recommendation to the City Council to accept the low bid from Keller Fire & Safety for a High Pressure CO2 System as received on December 4, 2019 in the amount of \$99,739.

Motion carried 4-0 Aye

- 2. Consider a recommendation to the City Council for the implementation of the Private Inflow & Infiltration work for Basin 1 of the Inflow & Infiltration Project, Project No. WW1706.**

Director Gonz Garcia presented the staff report.

Director Garcia discussed how the Inflow & Infiltration program in Gardner provides prioritization, procedures, schedules and planning for maintaining the rehabilitation of the existing sanitary storm sewer system throughout the community. Of the private properties in Gardner, Director Garcia stated that Basin 1 is considered the most urgent of areas to be studied.

Motion by Vice Chairman Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to forward a recommendation to the City Council to fund \$125,000 for the implementation of the Private Inflow & Infiltration work for Drainage Basin 1 as part of Inflow & Infiltration Project, Project No. WW1706.

Motion carried 4-0 Aye

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Project Updates- Electric, Wastewater and Water.

Director Garcia discussed the Electric project updates:

Electric Distribution staff is currently collecting data for the Smart Meter Project. Also, the six G&W Automated Overhead Distribution Switches arrived and will be installed in 2020.

Director Garcia gave the Wastewater Treatment project updates:

Removal of the old blowers and installation of the new Inovair blowers at the Kill Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant has been completed. New concrete steps have been constructed at Kill Creek as well, which are located near the effluent sampler there at the plant.

For the I&I Program, the review of the flow monitoring, smoke testing and CCTV videos for phase 1 have been completed. Prioritization of the Public Manhole and Sewer Mainline repairs have been compiled. The Private I&I portion of the program is being prepared to begin this spring with inspection of properties within the first phase of the program.

Director Garcia gave the Water Treatment project updates:

The Hillsdale Water Treatment Plant Design Build project is under construction. These are the latest highlights:

- Currently, the project is working through the annexation and permitting process with Miami County and the City's Planning & Building Department.
- The Land Acquisition process is moving forward with the Condemnation process for the easements associated with the RAW waterline improvements that are required to feed the plant water from Hillsdale Lake.
- Site grading is still occurring on site to create the expansion and new lagoons.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Vice Chairman Harrison, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0 Aye

/s/ Erin Groh
Utilities Department Administrative Assistant