Agenda Item

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark S. Gaugh, Director of Utilities/Asst. City Manager

DATE: June 30, 2010

RE: Ordinance - Water Improvement Grant

Issues

On the 29th of October, 2009, the City applied for grant funding to complete an engineering report on feasibility of switching our disinfection system from chlorine to chloramines. Then Missouri Department of Natural Resources administers the funding, which is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The change in disinfection practice is necessary to help keep our disinfection byproducts as low as possible. It will not guarantee that our levels will always be below the federal limits, but has shown to reduce the levels considerably in many treatment plants. In addition, the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission, of which Cameron is a member, will be a network of inter-connected water systems eventually providing water to a twelve-county portion of northwest Missouri. This water will be most likely be chloraminated, and will mix better with other systems if we are chloraminated.

Staff solicited proposals from various engineering firms for this work and received three proposals. We reviewed the proposals and ranked them based on their experience level designing chloramine facilities and response to the RFP. HDR was recommended by staff and approved by the DNR for the feasibility work. The scope of their work is attached.

The DNR letter to the City is dated June 9, 2010, but HDR and the City did not receive the confirmation of the grant until 6-21-2010. This only left a response time of about a week to get the signed paperwork back to DNR. Therefore, to avoid the risk of losing the grant, we submitted the paperwork to arrive by the deadline.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council enact the attached ordinance authorizing a grant agreement. The financial award from the ARRA grant is $21,249, and our matching portion is 10%, or $2,361 of the total project cost, which is $23,610.

Bill 2010-39 Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A THREE-PARTY GRANT AGREEMENT FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND HDR/ARCHER ENGINEERS

WHEREAS, The City of Cameron applied for a grant for water system improvements under the American Resource and Recovery Act; and

WHEREAS, a grant was awarded to fund plan preparation for a change in the water treatment plant's disinfection system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Director of Utilities is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this Ordinance on behalf of the City of Cameron.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Section 4. Staff is authorized to execute ancillary documents as necessary.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Read two times, passed and approved this 19th day of July 2010.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

Attest:

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City Clerk