

The Hoyt City Council met in special session on September 16, 2024.

Present were Mayor Bob Bell, council members Leonard Allen, Debbie Dreasher, Joe Romans and Becky McClane. Council member Larry Valdez was absent. Also present were Kenny Bryan, Garrett Nordstrom with Governmental Assistance Services (GAS) and Brian Foster with BG Consultants.

Mayor Bob Bell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Garrett Nordstrom discussed the application process for the Water Supply Loan Fund for the lead service line replacement costs. The application is due to KDHE by October 15, 2024. The city will need to have a public hearing for this application and publish a notice regarding the date and time of the hearing. That hearing is set for October 14, 2024 at 7 pm. Mr. Nordstrom noted they could also hold the hearing for the Community Development Block Grant application for sidewalk improvements that same night as well.

Kenny Bryan noted he believe the costs would be well below the cost noted in the preapplication submitted to KDHE. His estimation of the cost would be \$250,000.

The city is required to submit a preliminary engineering report with the application for the lead service replacement loan. It was noted the engineering firm that has been assisting the city with putting together the lead service inventory was not able to put together this report by the October 15 deadline. As such, Mr. Nordstrom reached out to BG Consultants to put together this report.

Brian Foster with BG Consultants presented his contract for services to the council and explained his role in the application process. After discussion, Joe Romans made a motion to hire BG Consultants to develop a preliminary engineering report for the city's distribution system for the loan application due to KDHE by October 15, 2024 at a cost of \$7,500. Debbie Dreasher seconded, motion carried.

Garrett Nordstrom with GAS also presented a contract for services to the council to assist with submittal of a loan application for a public water supply loan fund for a water systems improvements project.

After discussion, Debbie Dreasher made a motion to hire GAS to assist with the loan application at a cost of \$8,950. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Council discussed the request by a property owner to open Burnett Street clear through the next street. City clerk will ask for me details and see if the property owner is available to come to the next meeting to discuss this request.

Garrett Nordstrom noted the price of his services was incorrectly noted earlier. The cost for GAS to assist with the loan application will be \$8,500. Debbie Dreasher made a motion to amend her prior motion to state the cost of the application services provided by GAS will be \$8,500. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Joe Romans provided an update on SEED grants offered through Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. Romans provided an update on the status of the request by Matt Swenson with Elm Creek Beef relating to the parking lot repair.

Joe Romans discussed the high school asking if law enforcement could be present at home football and basketball games.

Debbie Dreasher discussed with Kenny Bryan projects available for Kay members for community service.

Joe Romans made a motion to adjourn. Debbie Dreasher seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk