

April 23, 2024, Special Council Meeting and Public Hearing (104 E. 6th Ave)

Council members in attendance were Jordan High, Matt Greemore, JB Klyap, and Nolan Frandsen. Scott Holbrook was absent. Also in attendance was Mayor Patricia Hayes and Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse.

Guests: Dave Smith, Rick Dulaney, Marie McAlear, Dan McCauley (Great West Engineering)

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm.

Dan McCauley of Great West Engineering provided the council and public with an update to the 2020 Water Preliminary Engineering Report. The update for the 2020 Water Preliminary Engineering included options for a new water storage tank and the environmental assessment that goes with doing this project.

The project would consist of putting a new tank up by the current tank but would need to be 1,000 feet north of the current tank because of an easement that the County/Airport received from DNRC. The easement overlaps the Town's easement for the new water tank so DNRC is stating the Town will need to put the tank in a different location. Great West will continue to investigate this.

The existing storage tank was built in 1999 and is 300,000 gallons. There is rust starting to develop in the old tank and there was a recent leak in the tank that had to be repaired this past fall. The tank has 15 to 20 years left in it.

The Preliminary engineering report provided the council with 4 options.

- Alt. R-1 – No Action
- Alt. R-2 – New 260,000 Gallon Glass-Lined Steel Bolted Tank
 - Includes coating the interior of the existing 300,000-gallon tank to keep it in service until failure.
 - This option would only provide the Town with adequate storage volume for the next 20 years, at which point another tank would need to be constructed after the failure of the existing 300,000-gallon tank.
- Alt. R-3 – New 560,000 Gallon Prestressed Concrete Tank
 - Includes coating the interior of the existing 300,000-gallon tank to keep it in service until failure.
 - Concrete tanks can be expected to last 50 to 100 years and require minimal maintenance.
- Alt. R-4 – New 560,000 Gallon Glass-Lined Steel Bolted Tank
 - Includes coating the interior of the existing 300,000-gallon tank to keep it in service until failure.
 - Steel tanks can be expected to last at least 40 years and require some maintenance mostly due to exterior sealant replacement that would occur every 10 to 15 years.

Discussion occurred regarding the cost of the new tank and the O&M Cost for the project. Dan verified that it was determined by the council that they were going to go with alternative R-4 based on their special meeting on March 19th. Dan McCauley also recommended that the Town does not include the coating of the interior of the old tank in this project. It would be better to get the new tank installed and then go for SRF funding later. The council agreed and decided to just go with the new tank.

Dave Smith asked if the Town's easement is older than the County's then can the Town ask for help with funding for the extra costs of moving the tank further back. Dan commented that this could be a possibility that he will investigate.

Dave Smith also asked about the pumps and wells as there seems to be discussion about them regarding the new tank. The pumps and wells are being looked at in the current project that will start this summer. The question remains with the pumps whether the Town wants Turbine or submersible. Dan is going to have the pumps bid both ways as there are pros and cons to both.

The council also discussed the increase in water rates for the Town water consumers. The estimated increase will be between \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Discussion occurred and then the council voted on the resolutions.

Resolution 2024-05: Matt made a motion to approve resolution 2024-05 Preliminary Engineering Report Update. Jordan seconded the motion. No further questions. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Resolution 2024-06: Nolan made a motion to approve resolution 2024-06 Accept the determination that an Environmental Assessment is appropriate for the Town of Twin Bridge’s Water System Improvement Project. Jordan seconded the motion. Matt asked if this was already done on the previous project. Dan McCauley commented that yes it was done previously but it must be done with each project. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. No further questions. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Resolution 2024-07: Matt made a motion to approve resolution 2024-07 authorization to submit the 2024 MCEP and DNRC applications. Jordan seconded the motion. No further questions. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Nolan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Signature on File

Kristi Millhouse, Clerk/Treasurer

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Patricia Hayes, Mayor

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