



Utilities Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Utilities Committee was held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at Quincy City Hall. Members present were Alderman Dave Bauer, Alderman Glen Ebbing, Alderman Ken Hultz, and John Mast. Director of Public Works Jeffrey Conte, Assistant Corporation Counsel Bruce Alford, Mayor Mike Troup, Director of Administrative Services Jeff Mays, Dustin Neese, and Theresa Alford were also present.

Approval of Minutes

John Mast, seconded by Glenn Ebbing, moved that the minutes from the January 2, 2025, meeting be approved as distributed. Motion Carried

Public Comment

No one was present for comment.

Utility Fund Financial Update

Conte presented the financials. To date, the Water Fund net operating income is \$2.24 million, and the Sewer Fund NOI is \$2.28 million.

New Business

Water Fund

FY26 Proposed Budget

Conte presented the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 preliminary budget for the Water Fund. The budget includes \$15.88 million in capital spending, operating expenses of \$9.487 million, and debt service of \$2.25 million.

Broadway Water Main Replacement Project Contract 1

Rees Construction submitted the only bid for the Broadway, 12th to 24th Street, Water Main Replacement Project. The bid price of \$5,827,206 is approximately nineteen (19%) higher than the Engineer's Estimate for the project. Conte recommends approval of the bid because of the short completion date that is required to meet IDOTS resurfacing project start date.

Action: Send to City Council with Committee recommendation.

Motion: Ebbing/Mast Motion Carried

2025 Lead Service Line Replacement Project Bid Review

Three (3) bids were received for the 2025 Lead Service Line Replacement Project which includes the replacement of up to three-hundred forty (340) lead water service lines between Cherry and Locust Streets, 2nd to 5th Streets. The Legal Department is reviewing the bids to assure that they meet the requirements of the bidding document.

Action: Conte will notify the Committee upon the completion of the Legal Department's review.

Purchase of Fire Hydrants

The Department received two (2) quotes for the purchase of nine (9) fire hydrants. The low quote is from Core and Main in the amount of \$24,750.

Action: Send to City Council with Committee recommendation.

Motion: Ebbing/Mast Motion Carried

Purchase of Hydrant Testing Station Fittings and Parts

The Department received two (2) quotes for the purchase of various parts and fittings for water distribution system repairs and maintenance. The low quote is from Core and Main at the cost of \$9,646.00

Action: Send to City Council with Committee recommendation.

Motion: Ebbing/Hultz Motion Carried

Sewer Fund

FY26 Proposed Budget

Conte presented the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 preliminary budget for the Sewer Fund. The budget includes \$1.917 million in capital spending, operating expenses of \$6.11 million, and debt service of \$1.65 million.

North 17th Street Emergency Sewer Repair

The homeowner of 1503 North 17th Street contacted Vinson and Sill regarding sewage backing up into their home. During a video inspection of the sewer lateral, it was revealed that the residence was connected to a common sewer lateral that services four (4) residences along North 17th Street between Maple and Locust streets. The City authorized Vinson and Sill to complete the lateral repair at the cost of \$7,513.

Action: Send to City Council with Committee recommendation.

Motion: Ebbing/Hultz Motion Carried

Dumpster Services

The Department has received an invoice in the amount of \$7,627.32 from Republic Services for the rental of dumpsters that were used for dewatered sludge that was produced during the start-up and testing of the equipment.

Action: Send to City Council with Committee recommendation.

Motion: Ebbing/Hultz Motion Carried

Front and Washington Line Stops

Core and Main completed double line stops on 6" and 10" watermains located at Front and Washington Streets to allow for the progression of the Jefferson Street CSO

improvements. A bill in the amount of \$33,600 has been received for all costs associated with the line stops.

Action: Send to City Council with Committee recommendation.

Motion: Mast/Ebbing Motion Carried

Waste Water Treatment Plant Report

The sludge press is operational, and cake is stored at the old brush site. Preliminary testing indicates that the cake is a Class A solid and can be used without restriction. The South Quincy Lift Station repairs are nearly complete.

Late Additions

The Department has received an invoice in the amount of \$12,006.00 from Hawkins, Inc. for the purchase of polymer that is used for the dewatering of biosolids.

Action: Send to City Council with Committee recommendation.

Motion: Mast/Ebbing Motion Carried

The Department has received an invoice in the amount of \$8,710.34 from Central Stone for the purchase of crushed limestone aggregate.

Action: Send to City Council with Committee recommendation.

Motion: Ebbing/Hultz Motion Carried

Adjournment

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m. on a motion by Alderman Ebbing and a seconded by Alderman Hultz.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Alford
February 14, 2025