

CIP Committee Meeting

PROPOSED AGENDA

May 16, 2016 10:00 A.M.

City Manager's Conference Room

- 1) Call Meeting to Order
Tom called the meeting to order at 10:05am
- 2) Approve Agenda
The committee approved the agenda (John made the motion, Justin seconded).
- 3) Review and approve November 16, 2015 meeting minutes
The committee approved the November 16th minutes (John made the motion, Justin seconded).
- 4) Water Sewer Master Plan Presentation and Discussion
 - a) City Council Goal – Achieve a steady state for infrastructure maintenance and improvements, facilities and equipment
Proposed Strategy– Address Water/Sewer Infrastructure Needs
Proposed Action – Long-term funding plan presentation to City Council June 2016
 - b) Brief Overview of Water and Sewer Fund Financial Situation – (Sandy)
Sandy provided an overview which showed the history of the water fund which has been steadily reducing the deficit amount by budgeting for an extra \$100,000 annually. Current the water fund has a \$274,000 deficit. The sewer fund has a high fund balance in 2014 due to septage and leachate revenue but was been spent down recently on repairs at the treatment facility.
Justin asked why the water and sewer revenues do not change by the same amount year to year. Sandy state that there are many factors, but one of the primary reasons is that water is individually metered along the Barre-Montpelier Road, but the sewer is billed through a master meter and is based on a calculation though an inter-municipal agreement.

c) Overview of Water and Sewer Fund Infrastructure Situation (Kurt)

Kurt noted that many of the water lines are cast iron in excess of 100 years old, including downtown Main St. However, many of the leaks have been on the much newer ductile iron pipe installed in the 1990's due to corrosive soils. The sewer collection system is made up of primarily clay tile pipes which tend to have leaking joints and can allow for infiltration which contributes to CSO overflows. The Water Resource Recovery Facility (wastewater plant) is due to a major upgrade due to aging equipment.

d) Presentation of preliminary master plan (Kurt & Sandy)

The master plan was developed to accomplish the items noted in the DPW memo presented to council, dated November 13, 2015. This focused on funding low pressure water lines and CSO elimination in the first 25 years and replacing undersized water lines serving fire hydrants and replacing clay tile sewer lines for the second 25 years. Sandy noted that stormwater funding will be generated through a reallocation of benefit charges but that a stormwater utility may be created once the new state regulations are in affect.

Tom noted that the State has recently requested the City to provide the needed funding for stormwater and wastewater infrastructure and that there may be an opportunity for more financial assistance in the future.

e) Discussion/Questions/Suggestions

John asked why the funding levels were lower than what was projected to be needed for steady state.

Kurt noted that DPW is planning on construction one street a year which is not shown in the funding plan.

Bill noted that revenue could also be used to support a bond payment to do more projects earlier in the 50yr projections.

John asked that the plan be revised to reflect steady state.

f) Set date for presentation to the City Council and/or next CIP meeting, as necessary
Next CIP meeting was scheduled for 5/27 at 10:00am.

5) Other business

6) Set time for next meeting regular CIP meeting

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.