

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gloria Mendoza called the Committee-of-the-Whole special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor Mendoza and Councilmembers Gay Brewer, David Diaz, Mike Everett, Diana Jennings, Bill Moore and Joan Souders.

Absent was Councilmember Javier Rodriguez.

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, WWTP Superintendent Dave Lorenz and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution approving Task Order No. 2019-04 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Sludge Drying Bed Evaluation and Design

WWTP Superintendent Lorenz explained that the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) was operated under the terms of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology. A by-product of the operation was the production of waste solids known as "sludge." The sludge was dewatered and placed on asphalt-paved drying beds where it was dried to remove moisture and to reduce pathogens. The dried and treated sludge, now regulated as "biosolids," can be applied to agricultural land and put to beneficial use as a soil amendment. The City contracts with Natural Selection Farms to haul the biosolids away and put them to beneficial use. The production of sludge has increased with higher WWTP influent loadings, so the City does not have enough paved drying bed space and sludge was placed on the ground to dry. Furthermore, Natural Selection Farms charges based on the weight of the biosolids hauled away from the WWTP. Therefore, the City dries the biosolids as much as possible to reduce the hauling cost which further increases the need for drying bed space. Future WWTP improvements were being considered that would also generate more sludge, so the City was interested in examining long-term, cost-effective methods for sludge treatment and disposal. Alternative drying strategies were acceptable to Ecology, provided pathogen reduction requirements were met. Therefore, before moving forward with a paved sludge drying bed project, the City wished to examine alternatives, consider both capital and operating costs, and select a method based on life cycle costs. The selected method would influence and establish the required size of the sludge drying beds. Phased construction of the beds would be considered to coordinate with growth and the City's annual capital project expenditure. He presented Task Order No. 2019-04 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Grandview Stormwater Improvements in the amount of \$18,000 for professional engineering services and land surveying.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving Task Order No. 2019-04 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Sludge Drying Bed Evaluation and Design to the October 21, 2019 special Council meeting for consideration.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk