



City of Biggs
Agenda Item for the
next regular City Council Meeting
September 10, 2013, 6:30pm

**To: Honorable Mayor
And Members of the City Council**

Date: Sept 5, 2013

From: Steve Speights, PE – City Engineer

Subject: Monthly Activity Report

6th Street Bridge

The contractor is securing his contract bonds and insurance certifications. When those are in his hand he will bring them into City Hall for the City to sign. He said they would be to him very soon. The contractor has also submitted a de-watering plan and Water Pollution Prevention Plan. We have reviewed these submittals and sent the de-watering plan on to the Corp of Engineers for their approval.

In anticipation of the contracts getting signed soon, we have scheduled a pre-construction meeting for Monday morning. We will be going over the project requirements and the contractor's schedule. We haven't seen his schedule yet so we may have some comments and ask him to revise it. As soon as we have an "approved" schedule we will pass it along. The schedule is something that will change during the life of the project, so we will keep the council apprised as it changes.

Leo is preparing a request to Caltrans to adjust the project funding budgets now that we have an accepted construction bid. When that is approved, Caltrans will accept additional requests for reimbursement for Preliminary Engineering. After Caltrans adjusts the project funding budgets, they will prepare an agreement revision to add the construction phase. The revised agreement is needed before the City can request reimbursement for construction phase costs. The total project costs we presented to the council previously are still valid as the low construction bid was lower than our estimate.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1 Design/ Funding

We met with City staff this week to review the 90% plans and agreed on elements that needed revision. We should be at 100% plans in a couple weeks. We will then have some contractors review the plans and specs for constructability.

The SRF remains hard to satisfy. The current issues are the procedure used to circulate and receive comments on the Neg Dec Addendum approved by Council this past spring. The review period is over and we have received no additional comments.

The clarification of items in the Bond Council Report is still outstanding. Our State staff contact is out this week.

After these two items are satisfied, there is about a six week process for the state to prepare their offer and conditions.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 Funding

The SRF application for Phase 2 was submitted last month, and the USDA application two months ago. There are some items in phase 2 that are needed to be completed, such as the environmental process, before they can be submitted. We have acknowledged those items with SRF and USDA.

Property acquisition has stalled a bit. We had intended to be before the council this meeting to discuss the next steps, that being preparing an offer. The appraisal document needed some revisions and those are not complete.

The goal is to have all the elements: funding, design, and property acquisition, completed in January or shortly thereafter, with construction starting in the spring 2014.

Sewer Treatment Plant Aerators

We have investigated and discussed options with the City Administrator for replacing the recently damaged aerators. The option that we can recommend now is based on brush aerators. Air induction is the other option we have investigated but the air induction manufacturer has yet to provide verifiable performance data.