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WATER & RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Greg Jenkins, City Administrator

CC: Nancy Lueck, Finance Director
Cinda Hilger, Secretary

From: Jon Koch, WRRF Director

Date: February 18, 2020

Re: Digester Rehabilitation Project Resolution Setting Public Hearing

INTRODUCTION: Stanley Consultants has completed plans and specs for the Digester Rehabilitation Project. Construction estimates for the project are \$800,000 with \$130,000.00 for additional engineering already approved by Council. \$800,000 has been budgeted for this project with extra costs to be covered from remaining funds from the High Strength Waste Receiving project.

BACKGROUND: The approved High Strength Waste Receiving Station Project has been completed and further digester capacity is needed in order to receive the large amounts of material projected to be brought to the City. With industry's in the area sending estimates of need for disposal, the current digesters will be rapidly overloaded. The existing old digesters will work well to have a retrofit digester system installed.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE: Staff recommends acceptance of the attached resolution setting a public hearing for the Digester Rehabilitation Project for March 5th, at 7:00 pm to consider plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated construction costs.

BACKGROUND:
1. Resolution

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DIGESTER REHABILITATION PROJECT

Public Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa will hold a Public Hearing to hear objections to the plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimate for the proposed Digester Rehabilitation Project. Said hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Muscatine, Iowa, on March 5, 2020, at 7:00 pm. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to be heard relative to this matter.

Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Water and Resource Recovery Facility Digester Rehabilitation Project.

This public hearing concerns the proposed Digester Rehabilitation Project at the Water and Resource Recovery Facility (formerly named the Water Pollution Control Plant). The City has studied the need for waste organics collection in the region and found sufficient waste generators to produce an agreeable return on investment from tipping fees to receive this material and add it to anaerobic digesters for the creation of renewable energy. The City has entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Stanley Consultants for the plans, specifications, terms of contract and cost estimates concerning this project. Prior to any formal action by City Council, a public hearing is required.

Now is the time for the public to comment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0066

**SET TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
DIGESTER REHABILITATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa has heretofore granted preliminary approval of the plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimates for the proposed Digester Rehabilitation Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is to be paid for out of funds legally available for that purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this Council that:

SECTION I: On March 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Muscatine, Iowa, this Council shall hold a public hearing of the plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimates for this proposed project.

SECTION II: The City Clerk shall give notice of such public hearing by publication of a notice in the Muscatine Journal not less than four (4) nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the date set for the hearing. The notice shall be in the following form:

(NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ATTACHED)

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator