



City of Pataskala *Legislative Report to Council*

Legislative Report

February 4, 2019 Council Meeting

Unfinished Business

A. Ordinances

➤ **ORDINANCE 2019-4333 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – 2nd READING**

Although we are still in the early days of 2019, several modifications to the budget have been requested to since Council approved the budget in November 2018. Currently, three specific areas have been identified and are covered below. **We are respectfully requesting that Council hold the 2nd reading of the ordinance at the February 4th meeting, and we would anticipate that this legislation would go through all three (3) required Council readings. Changes to the legislation since the 1st reading are highlighted below in bolded text.**

- *Section 1: Police Fitness Equipment* – The Administration is recommending that the city purchase exercise/fitness equipment for the new Police station. The estimated total cost of the purchase is not expected to exceed \$20,000. The city is planning to solicit donations from the Chamber of Commerce to help defray the overall cost of the equipment. We are requesting an increase in approved appropriations of \$20,000 in order to cover the estimated costs for the equipment.
- *Section 2: Water Plant Maintenance* – It appears that the 2019 budget for water plant maintenance was significantly understated when submitted. The new Utility Director is requesting that we reclassify approximately \$22 thousand in the Water Utility fund (601) from the General Operating category to the Contractual Services category. There is no net impact to the budget from the requested changes. **In total, we are requesting no net increase to the budget to cover the required maintenance services.**
- *Section 3: Park Bench Concrete Pad Construction* – The city received a \$2,000 donation from the Pataskala Mason's club for the construction of six (6) concrete pads to support the player benches in the baseball field dugouts. Although we have the cash needed for the project, Council is required to appropriate the funds for us to expend the funds. This supplemental appropriation request will satisfy that requirement. In total, we are requesting an increase of \$2,000 in the budget to cover the cost of materials, etc. need for the construction of the pads.

New Business

A. Ordinances



B. Resolutions

- **RESOLUTION 2019-013 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN**

Ohio Senate Bill 1 provides, through the Ohio EPA, a requirement for an effluent discharge limit of 1 mg/L phosphorous for treatment facilities designed for 1 MGD or more. Pataskala's WRF is designed for more than 1 MGD, and we expect the limit of 1 mg/L to be applied to us either during our permit renewal this year or during the next permit renewal in 5 years. To be proactive in regards to this limit, the Utility Department asked Hull and Associates to review our treatment system and determine a facilities upgrade plan to reach the 1mg/L limit. Hull determined that the best approach is to upgrade several components of our treatment process. Hull also provided information that the Ohio EPA was extending a program that offers 0% loans to utility departments for upgrades to facilities to meet the pending phosphorous limits.

Approval of this resolution would authorize the City Administrator to apply for, accept and enter into a loan agreement for the design of these plant upgrades. The loan issued through the EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) is at 0% interest for a term of 5 years. The city has funding available to repay this loan in the 2019 and 2020 budgets. The WPCLF also has construction loans available should the City decide to move forward with this project. The completed design would have to be submitted by September 2019 to ensure the construction loan approval is completed by the end of this year. The cost of the design loan can be rolled into the larger construction loan which is also 0% interest, but has a term that can be for between 5 and 30 years.

The cost of the design phase of this project is \$129,360. This quote includes the complete design of the WRF upgrades needed to help us reach the limit of 1 mg/L, as put forth by Hull and Associates.

I recommend approval of Resolution 2019-013.

- **RESOLUTION 2019-014 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GLAUS, PYLE, SCHOMER, BURNS AND DEHAVEN, INC. (GPD GROUP) FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE BROAD STREET, DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR SIGNAL TIMING PROJECT**

Approval of this resolution would provide for GPD Group to design and implement the Broad Street, Downtown Corridor Signal Timing Project. This project is identified in the approved 2019 budget as Public Service Department project number SVC-19-005.

The purpose of this project is to improve traffic flow through the signalized intersections on Broad Street through the downtown area. There are 6 signals that will be included in this project, beginning at the Oak Meadow Drive/Vine Street signal, and ending at the One Healthy Place signal. This corridor currently sees high traffic volumes, and during peak hours motorists experience delays beyond what is expected. It is anticipated that this project will increase traffic efficiency by 10% to 15%, making this corridor not only more efficient, but safer.

The proposed project will include traffic counts at 5 of the intersections; One Healthy Place will not be counted due to low volume, but will be included in the coordinated system due to its location in the corridor. With traffic count information, the designers will be able to optimize the signal timing of the controlling intersections (Broad and Main), and adjust the rest of the signals in this corridor to operate in coordination with the primary signals. For a total cost of \$15,000, GPD will conduct traffic counts, design the signal optimization, and implement the plan at the signals within the project corridor. Approval of Resolution 2019-014 is recommended.