



Council Report
City of Pataskala Utility Department
Chris Sharrock, Utility Director

➤ **Utility Department Updates**

• **New Items**

▪ **Legislation**

- **RESOLUTION 2021-056-** A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to advertise, receive, and review bids for construction of the State Route 310 Interconnect Project.
 - This resolution is to gather bids for the construction of the SR 310 Interconnect. The one quote that we received previously was higher than expected and will require the competitive bid process to be followed.
- **RESOLUTION 2021-057-** A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a first amendment to the 2020 Water Service Contract between the city and the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District.
 - The existing contract has a deadline to construct the SR 310 Interconnect by Dec 8 of 2021. As materials and contractors are not available by that date, we are requesting this amendment to that contract that will make a new deadline of Dec 8, 2022.
- **RESOLUTION 2021-058-** A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract with Law General Contracting Inc. For construction services for the Jefferson Street Waterline Project.
 - This resolution is to accept the bid of \$526, 173.31 for the Jefferson Street Waterline Project.
- **RESOLUTION 2021-059-** A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract with Mount Water Well Drilling, LLC. For repair services on Well 5 at Water Treatment Plant One.
 - This resolution is to authorize the necessary repairs to well 5 at WTP1. Mount has provided a quote of \$32,140.00 for this work

- Danielle McGee attended training for banking procedures from Park National Bank on October 19
 - Systems
 - The systems team attended a two-day conference where they earned contact hours towards their OEPA water licenses on October 19 and 20
 - HB 168
 - The Utility Department received notification that our Sanitary Sewer Slip-Lining project to reduce I&I from our collection system was awarded the full \$250,000 grant requested from HB 168
 - Official notice and reporting requirements are expected soon
- **Water Reclamation Facility**
 - Daily Operations
 - The operators maintain exceptional daily operations of the WRF, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They consistently do an outstanding job of turning the City's wastewater into clean, safe water that is discharged into the South Fork of the Licking River
 - WRF Upgrade
 - Kirk Brothers put together the quote to install the center island aspirators and the necessary electrical work. They are getting us on their schedule as soon as possible
 - The cost for this final change order will deplete the remaining contingency money. There will be an additional \$9,920.38 that will come out of this year's operating budget.
 - The only part left to the project after this is the delivery and installation of the larger (58 HP) jet aeration pumps. That equipment will be provided at no cost to the city and installation will be done in house by Utility Department staff
 - Biosolids
 - Agrisludge began the fall biosolid application on October 21
 - The rain caused a stop in hauling to the fields. Agrisludge will return to hauling, applying to the field, tilling into the soil, and tracking all necessary OEPA data as the farmer's schedule and weather permits
 - COVID-19 Wastewater Testing
 - Pataskala Utility Department was selected to participate in the COVID-19 wastewater testing program

- This program looks for the virus RNA in the waste stream, giving a more accurate and nearly real-time representation of the infection rate of the community that we serve
- The results of the COVID-19 wastewater testing are currently being posted to the Ohio Corona Virus dashboard found here:
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/wastewater>
- The Utility Department will continue to participate in this program as long as it continues to be fully funded by the State

• **Water Treatment Plants**

- Daily Operations
 - The operators maintain exceptional daily operations of both Water Treatment Plants, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They consistently do an outstanding job of providing the City's customers clean, safe water that meets or exceeds the requirements from the OEPA.
- Water Plant 1 Iron Filter 2
 - There is a small leak somewhere along the bottom of one of the iron filter tanks at WTP1. Repair will require removal and replacement of the filter media, structural repairs, and recoating of the filter tank surface.
 - We will attempt to make it through until next year's budget cycle before making this repair. That schedule could be expedited by a catastrophic failure.
- Water Plant 1 Well 5
 - Well 5 at WTP1 began producing less than normal. We had Mount Drilling come out and diagnose. The pitless adapter has corroded and is leaking. The pump is being cleaned and analyzed. Mount is working on quotes for the necessary repairs.
 - After analyzing the pump, it has been determined that it should be replaced. I am currently looking for funding within the existing budget. The quote and funding mechanism were presented to the Utility Committee on Oct 25
 - The well is dirty and needs cleaned. Fortunately, this well is part of the Well Cleaning Program proposed in the 2022 budget.
 - We are still able to meet production needs with our other wells still in service

- **Distribution and Collection System**

- Daily Operations
 - The systems team maintains exceptional daily operations of the entire distribution and collections system, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They consistently do an outstanding job of providing customer service to the residents, maintaining the city's infrastructure, and responding to emergencies of various types.
- Settlement Lift Station Generator
 - As a part of Phase 3 in Heron Manor, a standby generator for that area's lift station is to be installed
 - The contractor has installed all necessary components except for the generator itself. The generator has been on back-order since late February. Once it arrives, the contractor will finish the installation
- Creek Road Lift Station
 - We are currently advertising a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design services of the Creek Road Lift Station Upgrade Project
 - The RFQ expires at noon on October 29. Qualifications will be evaluated by the administration and ranked. At that point, cost negotiations will commence with the highest ranked firm. If an agreement cannot be made, we will move on to negotiating with the second ranked firm, and so on until an agreement can be made.
 - That agreement would then come to council for approval
- Leaks
 - 76 Broadway
 - The copper service line at this address developed a leak. Crews replaced the service line from the corp-stop to the curb-stop with plastic on October 21
- Training
 - The systems team attended a two-day conference where they earned contact hours towards their OEPA water licenses on October 19 and 20

- **Billing Team**

- Daily Operations
 - The billing team does an exceptional job of processing the payments for water and sewer service, scheduling the service work that needs done as well as providing excellent customer service 8 hours a day, 5 days a week.
- Meter Reading

- Meter Reading will be conducted on Nov 1.
 - Training
 - Danielle McGee attended training for banking procedures from Park National Bank on October 19
 - Billing Clerk
 - The Billing Clerk position will be open for applications until November 12
- **Director**
 - Safety Program
 - The department requires two safety meetings each month
 - One is done at the team level by the Superintendents covering general safety issues
 - The second is done with the entire staff
 - Each month, a different member of the department will lead this training
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 - Utility Committee
 - We held a Utility Committee meeting on October 25

Respectfully submitted,



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