
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

BASEHOR CITY COUNCIL

April 4, 2005

6:00 P.M.

Basehor City Hall

Official Presiding: Mayor Joseph Scherer

**Members Present: John Bonee, Iris Dysart, Bill Hooker, and Keith Sifford.
President Julian Espinoza was absent.**

Staff Present: Carole Dickey, Gene Myracle

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Joseph Scherer. All members were present with the exception of President Julian Espinoza. Mayor Scherer announced the special meeting was held for one purpose and that was to discuss and possibly take action to contract with P.E.C. to design Phase IV of the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Gene Myracle introduced the P.E.C. engineers, James Martin and Steve Sandberg. He explained that he requested this meeting so the City can begin to move forward on this issue.

Mr. Martin gave a brief overview of P.E.C (Professional Engineering Consultants). He presented several handouts describing their experience, references, and a suggested plan to review finances and the current facility before reaching the design stage. Mr. Sandberg also distributed handouts outlining timelines and target dates.

Mayor Scherer asked which city on the reference handout would give the least favorable feedback. After consideration, Mr. Martin said that would be Mr. Bradley at Ottawa.

Mayor Scherer stated that this engineering project does not have to be put out for bid. He said he was under the impression P.E.C. had already looked at the City's existing prints and had determined that money could be saved by going directly to the Phase IV expansion.

Mr. Martin said he had seen the prints briefly, but he could not give firm figures without the proposed systematic review. He said, in general, smaller units are more expensive to build and operate.

Councilman Hooker asked if it is wise to have equipment sitting and waiting after expansion. Mr. Martin answered that unused equipment can deteriorate. He said there are alternatives, such as using a larger clarifier or basin instead of 3 small ones.

Councilman Bonee said he thought the Council had already decided there was a need to go to Phase IV and this pre-design review was unnecessary. He said the City is already stuck with this location and design and just needs a new engineer for modifications to the design.

Mayor Scherer asked Mr. Martin what it would cost for them to take our existing plans, give them a quick review, and make a recommendation, based on their best professional judgment, as to what modifications could be made to go directly to Phase IV.

Councilman Sifford said he also thought the decision had been made to go to Phase IV. He asked about the plant's present status. Mr. Myracle reported that the number of users had gone up 255 since 2002 and that only 100 homes could currently be added.

Councilman Hooker made a suggestion to only do Phase II at this time. Councilmember Dysart said she agreed with this suggestion and did not want to move too fast. She quoted figures received from Consolidated Water Co. and questioned Mr. Myracle's usage figures. They both also said growth could slow down at any time.

Mayor Scherer stated that the decision was already made at the last meeting that going to Phase IV was the most economical plan. He said the Council has to move forward on that decision.

David Povilonis, 3406 N. 156th St., asked to be recognized from the audience, to report that the Water Board has several new subdivision plats up for review. Mayor Scherer asked Mr. Povilonis if he thought the Council should expand to Phase IV, and Mr. Povilonis said yes.

John Flower, 15515 Cedar Lane, Bonner Springs, asked to discuss a new proposal to alleviate the present pressure on the Basehor plant. Mayor Scherer said only the published agenda item could be discussed at this special meeting, and he invited Mr. Flower to speak at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Scherer again asked P.E.C. to estimate the cost of using our current plan, with modifications, to go directly to Phase IV of the planned expansion. He said the goal is to use this firm because they work well with Mr. Myracle and they have vast experience in this area.

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Mr. Martin said although they prefer the more systematic approach, they could look at the plans for 2-3 days and provide their honest shot at a "very rough estimate." After consultation with Mr. Sandberg, the figure of \$2,500 was quoted for this review. Mayor Scherer asked the Council's permission to spend \$2,500 for this purpose.

After discussing preferred perimeters, a motion was made by Councilman Sifford and seconded by Councilman Hooker to pay P.E.C. \$2,500 for 3 days of engineering work to provide their best probable cost estimate for expanding the Waste Water Treatment Facility to Phase IV using the current plans with modifications. Motion carried 4-0.

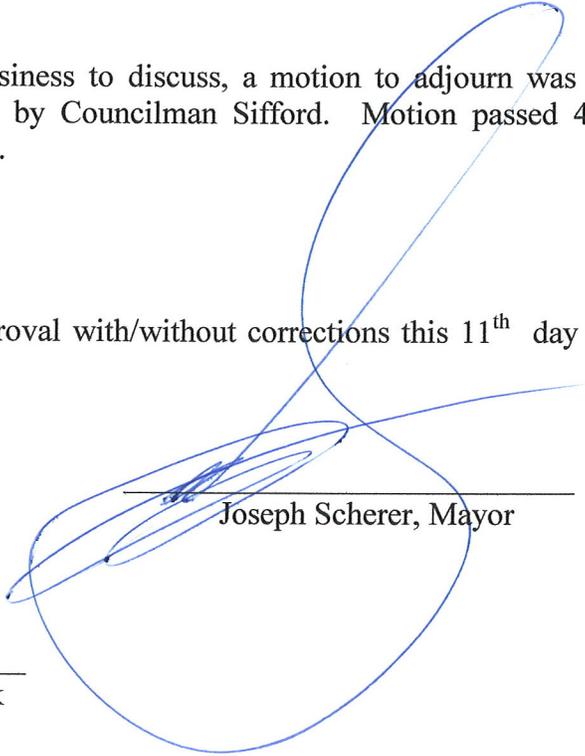
Mayor Scherer asked if the review could be done by April 11. Mr. Martin said that would not be possible, but they would try for the next few weeks.

Mayor Scherer volunteered to serve on a future citizen input committee. Mr. Flower also volunteered to serve.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bonee and seconded by Councilman Sifford. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted for Council approval with/without corrections this 11th day of April, 2005.

Attest:
The seal is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "SEAL OF THE CITY OF BASEHOR, KANSAS" in all caps. The inner ring contains the word "CORPORATE" in all caps. In the center, the word "SEAL" is written in a large, bold, serif font. Overlaid on the seal is a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Carole Dickey".
Carole Dickey
Carole Dickey, Assistant City Clerk

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Joseph Scherer, Mayor