

Minutes

Public Works Committee Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2019

5:00pm

The Public Works Committee met on the above date at 5:00pm, at the Government Center, Conference Room 3801, with the following members present; Chair, William "Bump" Roddey; council member Britt Blackwell and Council member, Allison Love. Also present were County Manager, Bill Shanahan, Assistant County Manager, David Harmon, Assistant County Manager Andy Merriman, Assistant County Manager Kevin Madden, County Attorney Michael Kendree, Public Works Director, Eric Rekitt; Public Works Assistant Director, Ryan Blancke, and Animal Control Supervisor, Bobbie Comer.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, William "Bump" Roddey

Summary and Actions:

Public Works Director, Eric Rekitt provided an update on the following items:

- **Travis Acres Groundwater Assessment & Remediation:**
 - The County was required to complete an ACM and CAP following the migration of I, I DCA in the groundwater;
 - Monitor the residential wells and installed/maintain 4 residential carbon filter systems;
 - DHEC initially approved an ACM and CAP for a pump and treat system with spray aeration into an infiltration basin, but later rejected the infiltration basin;
 - Discharge into the City of York sewer;
 - Revised ACM and CAP submitted to DHEC;
 - To be installed in the upcoming FY;
 - \$295,000 in construction costs and \$115,000 annually in operation and maintenance;

- **Solid Waste Management Plan**
 - Current adopted plan dated February 28, 2007
 - Required per the SC Solid Waste Policy and Management Act of 1991;
 - Developed as a planning tool for solid waste management in York County for a period of 20 years (2006-2025);
 - Revised in 2008 with recommendations from an appointed Solid Waste Citizens Committee (SWCC), but deferred by Council;
 - Currently revising the plan for consistency with current regulations and updating statistics only;

- SWCC recommendations are not included due to being outdated and/or addressed in current regulations;
 - Will come back to Council for approval.
- **C& D Landfill Expansion**
 - 5 years of remaining C&D airspace based on current inbound tonnages;
 - Began preliminary planning for future cell permitting;
 - 2 cells considered
 - Adjacent to current C&D (south)
 - 86 years of estimated life
 - Rezoning required to submit permit application;
 - Public will be given a review period; may lead to a public hearing
- **Material Recovery Facility**
 - Operating since July 2018
 - Processed approximately 2900 tons of material
 - Approximately \$305,000 in revenue
 - \$114,550 in landfill diversion
 - Agreement with Tega Cay starting in March 2019
 - 4 full time employees and a minimum of 15 temporary laborers to operate
 - Classroom and mezzanine for tours and education
 - Reduce contamination is key to success
 - Proposed tipping rate/ton - \$24.00

Animal Control Supervisor, Bobbie Comer provided an update on the Community Cat Initiative. Ms. Comer stated that Animal Control is recommending a Trap Neuter Return program to save taxpayers money, address nuisance behaviors of stray cats, provides population control and reduces shelter intake and euthanasia.

Ms. Comer explained that the average cost of housing, food and medical care for a stray cat for 1 week is \$80-\$100, average stay of cats is 90 days, minimum stay is 5 business days and the estimated cost of incinerator is approximately \$500 per use and she is estimating to cut this cost by up to 50%. The Trap Neuter Return cost is \$40 (out sourced) or \$10 (in house) for spay/neuter, ear tip and rabies vaccine.

Ms. Comer stated that over the last two years over 5,000 cats have been received through York County Animal Control intake and only approximately .08% are reunited with their owners.

Ms. Comer proposes that we begin with a Council approved Resolution for the first year to test the program and if successful then we modify the current ordinances to provide for TNR; partner with local agencies to implement local TNR Program; apply for grants to supplement/create TNR programs for local community; test for effectiveness.

Lastly, Ms. Comer provided Council members with an overview of the proposed changes to the Animal Control ordinance:

- Additions to definitions:
 - Adequate Shelter
 - Livestock
 - Animal Hoarding
- Definitions that were adjusted to align with state law or were reworded for enforcement clarification or redundancy between ordinances:
 - Dangerous Animal
 - Public Nuisance
 - Adequate Food
- Modifications to current ordinances:
 - Restraint requirements: adjusted wording that was unclear and outlined types of allowable restraint
 - Adjustment of ordinance fees
 - Running at large now includes livestock
- Additions to ordinances:
 - Violation of the owner surrender program
 - Poisoning animals
 - Disposal of dead animals
 - Animal adoption program: Discretion of Supervisor modified and monitoring