

June 14, 2023

Council President Protem Mr. Ferguson called the June 14, 2023 Belpre City Council meeting to order at 2:10 PM. The roll was called with the following members present: Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Null, and Ms. Abdella. Also present were Mayor Lorentz, Safety-Service Director Mrs. Hoblitzell, City Auditor Mrs. Nolan, City Law Director Mr. Webster, and Clerk of Council Mrs. Meredith. Absent from the meeting was President of Council Mr. Martin, City Treasurer Mrs. Cassady, Mr. McClead, Mr. Millhone, and Mr. Wallace.

Council President Protem Mr. Ferguson asked that everyone please rise for the Prayer and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Stump gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President of Council Protem Mr. Ferguson stated that President of Council Mr. Martin was in Charleston working, Mr. Wallace was working, Mr. McClead wasn't present due to personal reasons and Mr. Millhone was out of town.

Mr. Ferguson stated that he thought the meeting was called to discuss water and sewer projects and try to get clarification on the amount of money we are spending and encompassing. On the agenda this evening is **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BELPRE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELPRE FOR DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.** Mr. Ferguson clarified with Mr. Webster whether or not we can discuss all encompassing projects coming up or are we limited to the legislation that is found under new business. Mr. Webster asked how the meeting was announced.

Per Mrs. Meredith the only items that can be discussed are the funding for the water and sewer projects. Mr. Webster stated that was all we could discuss. However, it could be broadening as long as it pertained to water and sewer only.

Mr. Webster stated that EDG could be discussable. Mr. Webster stated that based on how the meeting was announced the ADR (storage facility) could also be discussed. Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that there should have been two pieces of legislation. Mr. Webster stated not yet. According to Mr. Carr there should have been two pieces of legislation. Mr. Webster informed Mr. Carr that council did do a voice vote for the nomination of a new sewer treatment plant facility for EPA funding – grants and/or loans. Mr. Carr was not aware of this. The sewer legislation wasn't prepared because Mr. Webster thought we had to get the nominations done for the water before preparing the sewer legislation. According to Mr. Webster it would be available at the next meeting.

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL – AGENDA items only** ((President of items.))

Jeff Carr, Municipal Services Manager for the Environmental Design Group presented before council a breakdown of the Water Main Project Status Report, this is a pre-design. A copy of his report is attached to the minutes. Discussion followed on his presentation by members of council, administration and concerned citizens that were attending the meeting. Those speaking from the public were Jesse Wonycott, Judy Drake, Penne Riffle, Bill Locke, and Boo Henderson.

Mr. Carr discussed the age of our water lines throughout the city and remarked that they are galvanized pipe that may contain lead.

Estimated cost of projects was discussed and future projects that are forthcoming.

Mr. Null stated that he did not have enough information to make a decision therefore he requested additional information so that he can be better informed. He suggested that any information that is available he would like to have.

Ms. Abdella stated that she had a lot of unanswered questions. She wanted to see what future projects were forthcoming and the amount of debt the city would have.

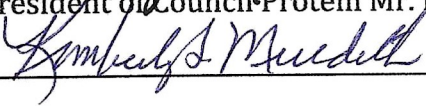
Mr. Ferguson asked Mr. Null if he could vote for first reading this afternoon to allow the project to start. With only four members of council present it would have taken all four members of council to vote for the legislation for first reading. Mr. Ferguson did not have four votes to proceed therefore no legislation was presented before council.

Mr. Ferguson called a committee meeting of the whole at 6PM on June 26, 2023 to discuss funding for water and sewer projects.

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn at 3:34pm. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

  
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President of Council Protem Mr. Ferguson

  
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Clerk of Belpre City Council Kimberly Meredith



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Fwd: City of Belpre -

Jeff Carr <jcarr@envdesigngroup.com>

Wed 6/14/2023 12:53 PM

To: Connie Hoblitzell <Connie.Hoblitzell@cityofbelpre.com>

**Jeffery P. Carr**

*Municipal Services Manager*

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**From:** Paula.Yade@epa.ohio.gov <Paula.Yade@epa.ohio.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2023 1:48:37 PM

**To:** Jeff Carr <jcarr@envdesigngroup.com>

**Cc:** Anna.Johnson@epa.ohio.gov <Anna.Johnson@epa.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** RE: City of Belpre -

Jeff,

The WSRLA Design loan has a 5-year term at 0%. The loan repayment begins 18 months after project completion beginning January 1 or July 1.

The WPCLF Design loan has a 5-year term at 0%. The loan repayment begins 12 months after project completion beginning January 1 or July 1.

Thanks

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**From:** Jeff Carr <jcarr@envdesigngroup.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 3:42 PM

**To:** Yade, Paula <Paula.Yade@epa.ohio.gov>

**Cc:** Johnson, Anna <Anna.Johnson@epa.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** City of Belpre -

Paula,

Can you call my cell as I have a few questions for you on the City of Belpre nomination/loan application. I have a special meeting schedule for tomorrow where I want to confirm some timelines with you

Thanks

Jeff

**Jeffery P. Carr**

**Municipal Services Manager**



## The City of Belpre

To: City of Belpre  
From: Jeff Carr, Municipal Service Manager  
Re: **Water Main Project Status Report**  
Date: June 14, 2023

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### 10" & 2" Watermain Extension Project Status

- Preliminary discussions after the Water Tank project was initiated revolved around the depth and age of the existing 10" main from the tank to City under SR7. envdesigngroup.com
  - The main is approximately 20' deep and is very old and brittle.
  - EDG recommended that a second main should be installed to provide a new alternate path under SR7. It would also connect to the new main on Farson Street.
- Project Cost and Funding
  - Project Costs
    - Pre-Design Const Estimate \$ 1,212,564
    - Engineering Design Cost \$ 100,400
    - CA/CM and Easements \$ 68,100 - *Construction Admin.*
    - Total \$ 1,381,064
  - Funding
    - Design Loan from EPA
      - \$ 100,400
      - 0% Interest
      - 5-year term
        - = \$20,080/year
      - The design loan will roll into construction loan once the project is bid and we have an actual contractor's bid number.
        - It is entirely possible we will never pay any design loan money if the project continues the path it is scheduled for (see below).
    - Construction Loan
      - \$ 1,212,564
      - Std Rate minus (-) 0.5%

*18 mo. after design is done  
approved for  
25-year loan*

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- 30-year term
  - = ~\$40,418/year or \$0.80/Customer
- Lead service line portion of cost
  - 0% interest rate
- EPA Construction Grant
  - \$ 389,180
- Other Funding Options
  - We can always go after additional funding once we have the official approval from EPA. That shows we are ready to proceed.
  - ARC - EDG submitted to ARC for \$250,000 grant as well. We will hear from that submission around August, and they will need the EPA approval to receive funding.
  - OPWC – If we have or are close to getting EPA approval we could go after this funding as well. It is very points driven on being ready to proceed.
    - \$400,000 grant / \$500,000 Loan.
- Proposed Project Schedule
  - Council Approval of Funds      Jun/July 2023
  - EPA Loan Submission            Jun/July 2023
  - Design Phase
    - Survey                              July to Aug 2023
    - Design                              Aug to Oct 2023
    - Easement                          Oct to Nov 2023
    - EPA Permitting                  Nov to Dec 2023
  - Bidding                              Dec 2023 to Jan 2024
  - CA/CM                                Feb to July 2024
  - Project Closeout                  July to Aug 2024
    - First full construction loan payment will be due at either the July or Jan after final project closeout. So in the above schedule, it would likely be due in January 2025.

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## The City of Belpre

To: City of Belpre  
From: Jeff Carr, Municipal Service Manager  
Re: Sewer Treatment Plant Project Status Report  
Date: June 14, 2023

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### WWTP Project

- Project Status
  - WWTP Preliminary Engineering Report is complete and ready to submit to EPA for review and approval.
    - Based on the alternatives evaluated, EDG recommended Alternative 4, a New Wastewater Treatment plant based on the lowest capital cost, maintenance & operations cost, and overall longevity.
  - Project Process
    - City Picks Solution
    - Design of the Selected Solution
    - Submit and receive PTI from EPA
    - Go after all available funding sources
    - Bid and Construct Improvements
- Project Cost and Funding
  - Project Costs

▪ Pre-Design Const Estimate	\$ 7,675,745
▪ Engineering Cost	\$ 875,000
▪ Inspection Cost	\$ 770,000
▪ Total	\$ 9,320,745
  - Funding
    - Design Loan from EPA
      - \$ 875,000
      - 0% Interest
      - 5-year term
        - \$175,000/year
      - The design loan will roll into the construction loan once the project is bid and we have an actual contractor's bid number.
    - Construction Loan
      - Max 25-year term
      - Don't have a rate yet, that will come later. It wouldn't be greater than the rate we have for the water

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project.

- Project Schedule
  - Council Approval of Funds     Jun / July 2023
  - EPA Design Loan Submission     Jun / July 2023
  - Design Phase
    - Survey     July to Aug 2023
    - Design     Aug 2023 to Aug 2024
      - Soil borings
      - Electrical Engineering
      - Architectural
      - Structural Engineering
      - Hydraulic Flood Study
    - EPA Permitting     Aug 24 to Oct 2024
  - Funding
    - OPWC     Oct 2024
    - ACOE     Oct 2024
    - ARC     Mar 2024
    - CDBG     Oct 2024
    - Appropriation     Mar 2024
  - Bidding     Jun 2025 (if OPWC)
  - CA/CM     Aug 2025 – Nov 2026
  - Project Closeout     Dec 2026
    - First full construction loan payment will be due at either the July or Jan after final project closeout. So in the above schedule, it would likely be due in July 2027.
- Other Funding Options - We can always go after additional funding once we have the Permit to Install (PTI) from EPA. That shows we are ready to proceed.
  - ARC - \$250,000 grant as well.
  - OPWC – If we have or are close to having the PTI we could go after this funding as well. It is very points driven on being ready to proceed. \$400,000 grant / \$500,000 Loan.
  - ACOE – Long shot, but up to \$1,000,000
  - CDBG – Low to Moderate Income Communities. Up to 750,000 grant
  - Appropriation – State Rep - Undetermined.
  - H2Ohio – Another Source. Depending on need.

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