

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council – Work Session
October 26, 2016
10:00 A.M.**

Town Councilmembers Present:

Felix Callicotte, Mayor

Luis Montoya, Vice Mayor

Barbara Ahmann, Councilmember*

Ray Lorenzo, Councilmember*

B. Waddell Reyes, Councilmember

Ray West, Councilmember

Vacant, Councilmember

*Absent

A quorum was present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Felix Callicotte followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion:

Discussion regarding the town's waste water treatment facility and collection system:

Town Manager, Ian McGaughey reported on the recent conference call with participants Mark Reader, Managing Director of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., Chad Crockett, Bowman Consulting and a representative of USDA to discuss the possibility of applying for funds through this funding source. The preliminary discussion will require the town to gather information as requested by USDA. Mr. McGaughey reported that he has already obtained most of the data.

Discussion from the council included their immediate concern to address the safety issues as reported during the initial presentation of the overall condition of the facility. Public Works Director, Larry Barela confirmed that he is currently working on relocating the electrical wiring which provides power to the effluent pump station to eliminate the hazard.

Also discussed was the proposed replacement of the facility with an extended aeration waste water treatment plant as presented by Bowman Consulting. Mr. Crockett explained that he had contacted several other companies but Smith & Loveless Inc. was the most responsive at the time of inquiry. He explained that other systems could certainly be considered. He further explained that this type of system will treat the wastewater at the same level as the current facility which meets the requirements of the current Aquifer Protection Permit issued to the town by ADEQ.

He stated that if Freeport McMoRan was no longer interested in receiving the effluent then the town would have to change the scope of this project to upgrade the proposed facility to a higher

standard.

Also discussed was the possibility of renovating the current system. Mr. Crockett estimated approximately \$150,000 to address the minimum issues at best but could cost up to \$1,000,000 once the process began due to the age of the system. He did caution that valves and other parts are so antiquated that he wouldn't even know where to begin to look to find replacement parts.

It was the consensus of the council that repairing the system was not feasible.

Vice-Mayor Montoya recommended that the consideration to move forward with seeking funding to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant and collection system be included on the November 10, 2016 regular meeting agenda.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

Approved:

Felix Callicotte, Mayor

Attest:

Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk