

**Town of Havana
Public Hearing
December 18, 2017 6 pm**

Attending: Decorkus Allen, T. J. Davis, Cathy Johnson, Shirley McGill, David Norman, Vernell Ross and Phyllis Thomas

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor T. J. Davis.

Mr. Michael Murphy, Mott MacDonald, explained the purpose of the hearing was to discuss the wastewater facility plan.

Mr. Murphy reminded the council that the facility plan was discussed previously. The treatment plant is now showing its age. The original facility was built in the late 1950s and some of the initial components are still in operation. It was last updated in the late 1980 to meet the wastewater needs of the Town. CH2M Hill is currently maintaining the treatment plant. The repairs needed are due to the facility's age and deterioration.


The town is interested in applying for a 50% grant and is required to hold public hearings to communicate to the public the alternatives and cost. There are three (3) alternatives for upgrades; 1) Oxidation ditch, 2) Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) and 3) Phase Aeration Flow Through System. Mr. Murphy provided a summary of probable cost for each alternative. Based on the evaluation presented, the SBR type treatment system was selected.

Mr. Murphy explained the opinion of construction cost to build the proposed wastewater treatment facility is anticipated to be approximately \$5.99 million. This will require approximately 6 months for design and 12 months for construction. It is also anticipated that the project will be funded through a combination of FDEP grants and loans along with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The CDBG would be in the amount of \$600,000 and the amount funded with DEP would be \$5.39 million. FDEP requires a 15% coverage so the amount to finance would be \$51,673 which amounts to \$1.82 per month per water and sewer customers. To lessen the impact on rates, the project will be constructed in phases.

Mr. Howard McKinnon, Town Manager, pointed out that the plant is over 60 years old. He advised that the new plan will include odor control. Mr. McKinnon reminded the council of "Gadsden Day" during legislation appropriation in which this can be

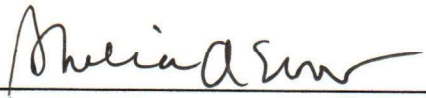
discussed with Representative Alexander and Senator Munford. The town will need to have a plan in place between the grants and loans.

Mayor Davis inquired if anyone in the audience had any comments or concerns. With there being no comments, the public hearing adjourned.



T. J. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk