

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Three Rivers will hold a public hearing on the proposed Drinking Water Revolving Funds Project Plan improvements for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday April 20, 2010 at the City Hall located at 333 W. Michigan Avenue, Three Rivers, MI 49093.

The purpose of the proposed improvements addressed in the Project Plan is to address the preliminary MDNRE order received by the City in November 2009 regarding disinfection of the City's drinking water system, and additional drinking water distribution system projects throughout the City.

It is expected that construction of the improvements will include a disinfection system, fluoridation system, iron removal system, 4-inch water main replacement in a few key locations, water main relocation in a few key locations, and completion of water main loops in a few key locations.

Impacts of the proposed improvements include removal and replacement of existing roadways and water main in a few key locations throughout the City. Impacts also include a new building or expansion of existing buildings at the well fields for the construction of disinfection, fluoridation, and iron removal systems.

The proposed improvements are expected to increase the user costs.

A copy of the Project Plan detailing the proposed projects is available for inspection at the following location: Three Rivers City Hall 333 W. Michigan Avenue.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on Tuesday April 20, 2010 at the completion of the public hearing will receive responses in the final Project Plan. Written comments should be sent to:

Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd.
Attention: Mr. Paul S. Romano, P.E.
4791 Campus Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
E-mail: promano@jheng.com

Public Hearing Transcript

(provided after the April 20th Public Hearing)

Public Hearing Discussion Items

- Drinking water quality needs
- Problems to be addressed by the Project Plan
- Principal alternatives considered for the project
- A description of the recommended alternative including capital costs and a cost breakdown by project components
- Project financing and user costs including method of financing, estimated monthly debt retirement
- Proposed monthly charge to the typical residential customer
- Special fees that will be assessed
- A description of the anticipated social and environmental impacts of the projects and the associated mitigation measures

Written Comments and Responses

(provided after the April 20th Public Hearing)

Resolution __ - 10
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL PROJECT PLAN
FOR DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND
DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Three Rivers recognizes the need to make improvements to its existing drinking water system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Three Rivers authorized Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd. to prepare a Project Plan, which recommends the construction of Drinking Water System Improvements as listed in the project plan as Alternatives _____

_____; and

WHEREAS, said Project Plan was presented at a Public Hearing held on April 20, 2010 and all public comments have been considered and addressed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Three Rivers formally adopts said Project Plan and agrees to implement the selected alternatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, a position currently held by Mr. Joseph Bippus, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above, including the submittal of said Project Plan as the first step in applying for the State of Michigan for a revolving fund loan to assist in the implementation of the selected alternatives.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

This resolution approved and adopted this twentieth day of April, 2010.

Allen J. Balog, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lindsay Howes, City Clerk

Reviewed for Administration:

Reviewed as to Form:

Joseph A. Bippus, City Manager

J. Patrick O'Malley, City Attorney