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**VALPARAISO CITY UTILITIES
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June 25, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Valparaiso City Utilities met in the Valparaiso City Utilities Board Room, 205 Billings Street, Valparaiso, Indiana on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were President Dave Bengs, Vice President Mike Sur, Secretary Lori Ferngren, Asst. Secretary Kurt Minko and Treasurer Mark Thiros. Also in attendance were Utilities Director Steve Poulos, Attorney Mike Langer, Exec. Admin. Assistant Peggy Busse, C&D Manager Mark Geskey, Water Operations Manager Shihua Chen, WW Superintendent Paul Scott, Water Systems and Program Administrator Shaun Shifflett, City Engineer Adam McAlpine and Stormwater Engineer Erik Hellmuth.

- The minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- The Board reviewed and approved the submitted claims.
- A presentation regarding The Brooks At Vale View Park was introduced by Steve Poulos. Adam McAlpine, Patrick Lyp, and John Julien explained various aspects of the public/private partnership that is being proposed in connection with this development and the effects and benefits that the detention area will provide to the nearby residents. The meeting was opened up to questions and comments from the public. Following this discussion, the VCU Board reviewed *Resolution 2019-01 – A Resolution Recommending Various Actions By The City Relating To The Brooks At Vale View Park*. This resolution outlines the pledge of funds in the amount of \$6.7 million to VJW The Brooks LLC to assist in the the development of the project along with financial assistance from the City's Redevelopment Commission. The board voted to accept this resolution 4-0 with Lori Ferngren abstaining. This resolution will now be forwarded to the City Council for review and approval.
- John Julien from Baker Tilly Financial Advisors recommended the issuance of refunding bonds, Series 2011 A and Series 2011B, for the Storm Water Management District at this time which would provide the City approximately \$25,500 in savings annually. *Resolution 2019-02 – A Resolution Making a Preliminary Determination To Issue Refunding Bonds Of The City of Valparaiso, Indiana, Storm Water Management District* was introduced for board approval. The VCU Board voted 5-0 to approve Resolution No. 2019-02.
- Mark Geskey requested approval of the Campbell Street Water Main Contract with Gariup Construction in the amount of \$243,500. Mark stated that this is a standard contract and has been reviewed by Attorney Langer. The Board approved the contract with Gariup Construction.
- Paul Scott requested approval to upgrade communications equipment for 10 of the 32 lift stations throughout the City. Paul recommended contracting with Automation & Control Services, Inc. as they have proposed to provide the hardware at a minimal profit, charging for their labor to remove the existing hardware, install the new hardware, and program and test the new system. Total cost for these upgrades is \$47,980.00. Funds are available in the CIP Budget. The VCU Board approved Paul's request to upgrade the communication systems in 10 lift stations.
- Paul Scott requested approval to purchase a new ½ ton pick-up-truck for Water Reclamation. Quotes were received from the following vendors:

- Currie Motors \$30,773.40
- Grieger Motor Sales, Inc. \$29,579.00
- Paul Sur Buick-GMC \$30,756.00
- Team Chevrolet, Inc. \$34,638.00

Paul recommended purchasing the pick-up from Grieger Motor Sales, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$29,579.00. The Board approved Paul's recommendation.

- Steve reminded VCU Board Members that election of officers for the new term will take place at the next board meeting on July 9, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: July 9, 2019

Dave Bengs, President

Lori Ferngren, Secretary