

**CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2009**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Steve Britton, Councilors E.N. "Corky" Daniels, Loran Wiese, Linda Short, Fran Capehart, and Bruce Parker.

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director John Higgins, Finance Director Chuck Dufner and Deputy Recorder Rene Collins.

PRESS: Coquille Valley Sentinel and KCBY

AUDIENCE: A roster of those present is on file in the City Recorder's Office

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Britton called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ACCEPTANCE OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENT BIDS & SBR PRELOAD

City Manager O'Connor said seven bids were received with low bidder being Benny Hempstead Excavating at \$143,550.00. The engineers estimate was between \$370,000 and \$450,000. The engineers were concerned about the low bid; they spoke with Mr. Hempstead and he said he would be able to meet the required specs for the preload.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to accept the following bids:

3 Kings Environmental	\$361,000
Grimes Construction	\$316,396
Landis & Landis	\$307,000
Knife River	\$280,485
Godfrey & Yeager	\$277,000
Jarvis Roads, LLC	\$178,860
Benny Hempstead Excav.	\$143,550

Councilor Daniels seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

4. AWARD CONTRACT FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS & SBR PRELOAD

Council asked why there was a difference of \$217,000 between the low and high bid, City Manager O'Connor said 2 contractors were from out of state, and some companies have not received any of the stimulus dollars so they are bidding lower to keep their crews working. Some of the pricing is comparable with that of 1972, but that does not mean the sewer plant would come in at those numbers because it is a more specialized project.

Mayor Britton asked if Benny Hempstead was able to secure the bonding and insurance that is required for this project. Public Works Director Higgins said the engineers have checked all that and the City is protected by the bond. Councilor Short asked what would happen if the contractor did not finish the job. O'Connor said there are timelines to be followed and consequences if the project is not completed on time.

Councilor Parker made a motion to award the waste water treatment facility improvement and SBR preload contract to Benny Hempstead Excavating in the amount of \$143,550. Councilor Wiese seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Britton adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Mayor, Steve Britton

Deputy Recorder, Rene Collins