

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, July 3, 2017

Regular Meeting

Item Reports2

Council to make an appointment to the Regional Water System Governance Committee per Resolution 17-06-03.

Staff Contact: Nathan Johnson, City Manager

RESOLUTION No. 17-06-03

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION LEVEL II STUDY OF THE PLATTE ALLIANCE WATER SUPPLY (PAWS) PROJECT AND THE FORMATION OF GOVERNANCE FOR A REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska recognizes that communities in the North Platte River Basin in western Nebraska and southeast Wyoming are experiencing deteriorating water quality and it is becoming increasingly difficult and costly to meet public water quality standards;

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that this trend toward a lack of dependable water quality, if allowed to persist, will limit the ability of the region to sustain current and future growth and economic vitality;

WHEREAS, the Council is aware that in addition to the deteriorating water quality, through the National Safe Water Drinking Act the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring monitoring of additional water quality constituents and placing limits on the levels of these constituents in public water systems that will continue to increase the cost of public water supplies;

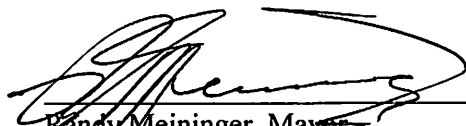
WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that the best long-term solution for potable water supply in the Basin is a regional system approach, and that centralized water treatment will assist to off-set the long term cost increases impacting individual communities;


WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that a regional solution to domestic water supply will include an upstream water source(s), upstream water treatment, a potable water pipeline, and the wholesale selling of water to each community in lieu of each community attempting to solve the quality issues on their own at a higher cost; and

WHEREAS, the Council understands that a regional system will require the formation of an organization to operate the system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA, that the Council hereby reiterates their support for completion of the Level II Study of the Platte Alliance Water Supply (PAWS) Project, and the Council hereby expresses their full support for the formation of Governance for a regional water system and their intent to participate in the process and system, and hereby encourage participation from all eligible communities in the Basin.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th day of June, 2017.


Randy Meininger, Mayor
City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Attest: 
Cynthia A. Dickinson, CMC
City Clerk

