

**Bill List Review Minutes  
Town Hall  
May 2, 2023  
6:45 p.m.**

Council Members  
Present:

Luis Gomez  
Dynette Lewis  
Sandra McMurray Jackson  
Shelisa McCall  
Alicia Johnson

Others Present:

Benjamin Boutwell, Mayor  
Leslie Howington, Town Clerk  
Kevin Merchant, Superintendent  
Dale Long  
Robert Hudson

At 6:45 p.m. Council Member Sandra McMurray Jackson called the Bill List Review to order.

Council Member Alicia Johnson asked about the Cross Connection Control Plan bills and if there is a “not to exceed” amount. She completed a proposal for this project that included a “not to exceed amount” and believes that these charges are in excess and the project needs to come to an end.

At 6:46 p.m. Council Member Dynette Lewis arrived.

Council Member Dynette Lewis mentioned that the Building Maintenance for Town Hall overage has been brought up a couple of times. Leslie Howington will investigate.

Council Member Lewis noted that we used a different AC man. Ms. Howington noted that a man in the field called this vendor for Showalter Park. Preston Tate has been working on Century Business Center.

Council Member Lewis requested the lights be turned off at Showalter Park at night. Mayor Boutwell will remind the head coach.

Street lights are over in budget. Robert Hudson explained that we will receive our payback from the State later in the year. Electricity rates are up and we will probably go over.

At 6:52 p.m. Council President Luis Gomez arrived.

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Council Member Dynette Lewis noted that Park Fuel is over budget \$3,000 and we are almost to \$4,000 and asked why?

Alicia Johnson recalled that Larry Joe Hammond from the Park Department was taking water and wastewater samples to the lab and suggested reallocating fuel to Water.

Council Member Sandra McMurray Jackson invited Council President Luis Gomez to speak. He asked about the bypass pump. Mayor Boutwell responded that the rental is used not only for emergencies, but also to transfer wastewater to the truck

Ms. Howington called Heath Burkett on the phone and Mr. Burkett listed reasons we need the additional pump rental. The only other one we have is at Pilgrim Lodge, but that one is dedicated and cannot be moved. The second one is used for water leaks, if another lift station goes down, or the prison goes down. We use it at the WWTP to fill up the sludge trucks.

Mayor Boutwell asked when the last time was that Mr. Burkett used it. He used it mid-month and stated that if Council wants to pull it, that's fine. We'll have to find one for a major water leak.

When will the next bypass pump come in? Mr. Burkett does not know. Mayor Boutwell recalled that the parts came in and they are assembling it and will deliver it when it is ready.

Council Member Johnson stated that we need to coordinate the sludge hauling, pumping down what needs to be pumped and rent it for a few days.

Council President Luis Gomez stated that \$1,300 per month is wasteful.

Leslie Howington called Kevin Merchant for an update on delivery of 2<sup>nd</sup> pump. Mr. Merchant advised he would be there in five minutes.

Council Member Johnson addressed Dale Long about when we can expect an end of the Cross Connection Control Plan. The engineering bill is at \$5,000.

Mr. Long addressed the Council and shared the meetings that had been held and expects to bring the Cross Connection Control to the Council at the next meeting for ratification.

At 7:01 p.m. Council Member Sandra McMurray Jackson adjourned the Bill List Review.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Howington, CMC  
Town Clerk