

Resolution authorizing wholesale wastewater treatment agreements and determination of sewer service area to be included in the Final Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Sanitary Utility has contracted with Donahue and Associates, Inc. to prepare a Draft Facility Plan for La Crosse's wastewater treatment system that covers a 20-year planning period; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse currently provides wholesale wastewater treatment services to the City of Onalaska, the City of La Crescent, MN, the Town of Campbell and the Town of Shelby Sanitary District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, contracts with these wholesale customers, other than the City of La Crescent, expire at the end of 2019 and new contracts with terms acceptable to La Crosse have not been agreed upon; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitary Utility requested that Donahue and Associates prepare a Draft Facility Plan based on the assumption that La Crosse would continue to provide contracted wastewater treatment service to its existing wholesale customer, but also requested that an alternative Draft Facility Plan be prepared based on a reduced service area if contracted wholesale service would no longer be provided; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2019, the Draft Facility Plan that assumes continued contracted wholesale service was presented at a public informational meeting at the Myrick Park Center, and follow-up workshops on engineering and rate setting based on that Draft Facility Plan were held on August 9 and September 18, 2019 with La Crosse's high strength waste and wholesale customers; and

WHEREAS, a Final Facility Plan for La Crosse's wastewater treatment system must now be prepared and submitted to the WDNR, and must also be submitted with La Crosse's application for a State Clean Water Loan; and

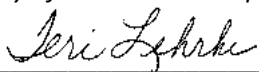
WHEREAS, in order to prepare a Final Facility Plan, a final determination on the sewer service area to be served by La Crosse's wastewater treatment facilities must be made; and

WHEREAS, given the financial investment required to implement the anticipated Final Facility Plan, it is fiscally prudent for La Crosse to require that long-term contracts with wholesale customers be in place before borrowing funds to construct facilities to serve them and to plan for continued service of only those customers that have long-term contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that steps be taken to enter into acceptable long-term wholesale treatment agreements with all existing wholesale customers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Final Facility Plan for La Crosse's wastewater treatment facilities is to be based upon a sewer service area that includes only those communities that, as of December 31, 2019, have a 20-year wholesale service agreement with the City of La Crosse.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on September 12, 2019.



Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin