



December 23, 2024 – Superintendent’s Report

ADMIN UPDATE:

We are seeking approval of a Services Agreement with Sanitary Management and Engineering, Inc for water and sanitary sewer line locating services in the City of Lawrence for the 2025 year. When residents and contractors are performing work that requires mechanical or shovel excavations, they are required to call Indiana811 to request a line locate ticket to have underground water lines, sewer lines, power lines, communication lines, etc. marked before the start of digging. This agreement is to ensure that the water and sanitary sewer lines in the City of Lawrence are marked (spray paint or flags) as part of the one call locate system.

We are seeking approval of Change Order No. 2 with Conexco Inc. to decrease the cost of the Water Service Line Potholing Project by \$233,750.00. This was part of the Lead Service Line Inventory mandated by the EPA in which we received the forgivable BAN for \$400,000.00 in funding from the Indiana Finance Authority to assist with this project. All the \$400,000.00 in funding from the IFA was used for payments to the contractor to perform excavated service line material confirmations as well as Wessler Engineering for project management and service line material verifications in water meter pit investigations. \$225,000.00 of the \$233,750.00 decrease is Utilities funds that were encumbered to ensure that Lawrence Utilities met all EPA mandates if additional service line verifications were necessary.

As a note, this concludes the first milestone outlined by the EPA regarding the Lead Service Line Inventory as part of the 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. In a recent conference I attended a presentation by the EPA in which they stated that additional requirements are forthcoming so there may be additional actions required by the Utility in the future regarding this topic.

We are seeking approval of Amendment No. 6 with Wessler Engineering to increase the 2020 Water Main Replacements, Contract B, Phase II Project by \$14,000.00. Per Change Order No. 5 previously approved by the USB, the contractor agreed to reimburse the City of Lawrence for the full-time Resident Project Representative (RPR) and Construction Administration fees incurred from the engineer to finish out the project due to the contractor not meeting the contract completion date in lieu of accessing liquidated damages to the contractor. Now, Wessler Engineering will be paid by Lawrence Utilities for the additional RPR and Construction Administration fees to allow us to close this project out.

Baker Tilly and the Interim City Controller will present the 2025 Budget for approval to the Board and answer any questions you may have.

We are seeking approval of Resolution No. 3, 2024 establishing salaries and wages of appointed employees of the City of Lawrence Water and Wastewater Utilities in Indiana for the year 2025.

Account Adjustments:

- 8216 Harrison Drive – customer is requesting a sanitary sewer adjustment for \$393.95 due to leak in pit. We recommend approval.
- 5203 Traditions Drive – customer is requesting a sanitary sewer adjustment for \$622.71 due to a leak in the water line behind wall. We recommend approval.