

City sewer compliance moves forward

(KAIR)--Another step forward in the ongoing Dam 6 sewer separation project.

That matter came before the Atchison City Commission Monday evening, with the city leaders asked to consider an expenditure of \$112,000 for engineering and design of the project.

According to Public Works Director Justin Pregont, the project is one part of the overall mandatory goal to address the city's out-of-compliance combined sewer overflow system which floods in times of wet weather, sending raw sewage into White Clay Creek and the Missouri River.

Pregont, speaking on behalf of City Staff, recommended the authorization of the contract to Lawrence-based firm, BG Consultants. "BG's done partial construction inspection for us on previous projects," Pregont told the Commission. "Most of that's materials testing, like they've done on the highway project that's going on right now, and on the trail project before that. We found them to be highly competent handling this scope of work."

Following discussion, the Commission gave unanimous approval to entering into the contract, and the expenditure.

According to Pregont, studies have shown that overflows from Watershed Dam 6 are the single largest contributing factor to overflows in the 14th Street sewershed, which is a priority location for remediation of the overflows into White Clay Creek.

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