



TOWN COUNCIL

Special Meeting

Town Hall

June 15, 2010

5:15 p.m.

At 5:15 p.m. at the Town Hall, Vice Mayor Chris Bannon stated that a quorum had been met and called to order the Special Meeting of Town Council. In addition to Vice Mayor Bannon, present were Councilmen Burdiss, Elliott, Evans and Veber. Councilwoman-elect Natali was out of town and participated in the meeting by conference call. Mayor Sullivan and Councilman Bennett were not in attendance. Also present were Town Manager Heather Arcos, Public Utilities/Public Works Director Dave Fauber and Town Clerk Libby Hume.

Vice Mayor Bannon announced the business for the evening would be to review the bids for drilling of the wells on the Keck property and award the contract to the preferred bidder.

Town Manager Heather Arcos informed the Council that two bids were received and were opened at 2:00 PM on June 14, 2010. Sydnor Hydro was the low bidder at \$150,928 and Bundick Well and Pump came in at \$162,486. Public Utilities/Public Works Director Dave Fauber's recommendation was emailed to Council earlier today. Dave Fauber explained his reasoning regarding his recommendation to award the bid to Bundick Well and Pump even though they were not the low bidder stating that several years ago, Sydnor Hydro was contracted by Baymark Construction to drill wells which were to be connected to the Town's water system. Dave Fauber went on to state that he was unsure who was at fault, Sydnor Hydro or the engineering firm, in regards to poor quality of East Well II and the amount of money spent by the Town of Cape Charles for testing and engineering services before determining that the well did not qualify as a production well since it did not produce enough gallons per minute and the water quality was poor. The Virginia Department of Health required 20 samples for bacteria testing and when the tests were performed, the Town discovered that the water quality was poor. Dave Fauber went on to explain that Sydnor Hydro should have known that the site did not produce enough water and chosen a different site. There was much discussion regarding Sydnor Hydro and what could have been done regarding East Well II. Councilman Elliott stated that geographically, Bundick Well and Pump knows this area and being a local company, could respond more quickly in case of a problem or emergency than a company in Richmond. Dave Fauber informed the Council of an incident several years ago when he called Sydnor Hydro regarding this well and the poor output and quality of the water and being that the Town did not initially contract to have this well drilled, Sydnor Hydro did not respond to our problem. Dave Fauber went on to state that he felt that if Bundick Well and Pump had originally drilled this well and a problem was encountered, Bundick would have come out to rectify the problem.

Motion made by Councilman Burdiss, seconded by Councilman Veber and unanimously approved to accept Dave Fauber's recommendation to award the contract to Bundick Well and Pump as discussed.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bannon, seconded by Councilman Evans and unanimously approved to adjourn the Town Council Special Meeting.

Vice Mayor Bannon

Town Clerk