City Council Agenda Memo



City Council Meeting Date: November 20, 2014

TO: David A. Vela, Interim City Manager

## FROM: Rodney Taylor, Assistant Director of Water Utilities

SUBJECT: Written Resolution authorizing Agreement to Provide Sanitary Sewer Services with Town of Buffalo Gap TABLED FROM 11/6/2014 COUNCIL MEETING

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Water Department is requesting that by written resolution the City Council authorize the Agreement to Provide Sanitary Sewer Services (Agreement) with the Town of Buffalo Gap (Buffalo Gap). The Agreement authorizes Buffalo Gap to connect to and discharge its total sanitary sewer output into the Abilene sanitary sewer collection system for treatment in compliance with all State and Federal Regulations.

The Town of Buffalo Gap is located approximately five miles south of Abilene. The voters of Buffalo Gap approved funds for the construction of a sanitary sewer collection system to serve the citizens within Buffalo Gap. At the recommendation of Jacob and Martin, Ltd. Buffalo Gap petitioned Abilene for an Agreement to Provide Sanitary Sewer Services, which establishes the terms and conditions for the connection and the discharge into the Abilene sanitary sewer system. The Buffalo Gap collection system will include gravity sanitary sewer piping and appurtenances, lift station(s), and a sewer force main. All sewage collected from Buffalo Gap will be transported by force main to a connection point with the City of Abilene cedar gap outfall sewer located at the Hargesheimer Water Treatment Plant site. The maximum annual average daily flow of Buffalo Gap shall not exceed 150,000 gallons per day. There exists sufficient capacity at the point of connection and at the Hamby Wastewater Treatment Plant to accept the sanitary sewage from Buffalo Gap. Abilene currently treats the sanitary sewage output from the City of Tuscola, the City of Tye, and the Hawley ISD.

Buffalo Gap will implement a customer sewer collection rate adequate to equip its town with equipment to service its collection system and to provide for outside assistance as needed. Abilene will not be the primary sewer service provider for Buffalo Gap.

The construction of the Buffalo Gap sanitary sewer project is funded by USDA Rural Development. The Agreement has a forty year term. The effective date of the Agreement will coincide with the closing date of the loan between Buffalo Gap and USDA Rural Development.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Staff estimates positive fiscal impact to the Water Utilities Fund of \$2,325.00 per month.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council approve by written resolution the Agreement to Provide Sanitary Sewer Services with Buffalo Gap, as described above and recommended by the Water Department Staff, and to authorize the Honorable Mayor of the City of Abilene to execute the Agreement.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Written Resolution

Prepared by:		Disposition by City Council
		□ Approved Ord/Res#
Name: Rodney Taylor		<ul> <li>Denied</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>
Title: Assistant Director of Water Utilities	Item No. $7.1$	City Secretary

#### RESOLUTION NO.

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SANITARY SEWER SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF ABILENE AND THE TOWN OF BUFFALO GAP

**WHEREAS,** The City of Abilene (City) has in operation a sanitary sewer collection system and a water reclamation plant that currently treats the sanitary sewer output of Abilene, two satellite cities, and the Hawley Independent School District: and

**WHEREAS**, there exists sufficient piping and plant capacity to accept sanitary sewage from other smaller cities and public entities in the area; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Buffalo Gap (Buffalo Gap) is located approximately five miles south of the Abilene City limit, and Buffalo Gap currently does not have a sanitary sewer collection system within its City limits; and

**WHEREAS,** the voters of Buffalo Gap approved the funds for the design and installation of a gravity sanitary sewer collection system and a sewer force main to transport the wastewater to a connection with the City of Abilene sanitary sewer system; and

**WHEREAS,** the Agreement to Provide Sanitary Sewer Services (Agreement) defines the terms and conditions for which the two parties do agree including the prohibition of Buffalo Gap to expand its sewer collection system into the City's ETJ or to provide sewer connections along the force main extending into the City's ETJ; and

**WHEREAS,** Buffalo Gap has petitioned the City for the Agreement authorizing a connection and the discharge of the total sewage output of the Town of Buffalo Gap into the City's Cedar Gap Outfall so to be subsequently treated and properly disposed of in accordance with state and federal regulations,

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

- **Part 1:** That the Honorable Mayor of the City of Abilene is authorized to execute the Agreement to Provide Sanitary Sewer Services between the City and the Town of Buffalo Gap authorizing a connection and describing the responsibilities of each party.
- **Part 2:** That the effective date of the Agreement shall coincide with the closing date of the loan by Buffalo Gap.

#### ADOPTED this 20th day of November, 2014.

ATTEST:

Danette Dunlap, City Secretary

Norman Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:

T. Daniel Santee, City Attorney