

CITY OF CONDON
Fiber Committee Notes
Thursday, July 6, 2017, 10 a.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers

Present: Councilors Jan Stinchfield, Chief Dale Scobert, Elizabeth Farrar & CA Kathryn Greiner; Guests: Lori Anderson, CBEC director; Tom Wolff, CBEC General Manager; Josh Coiner, CBEC staff; Glen Gines, engineer with Mid State Consultants; Nancy Werner (on phone), City Telecom attorney & Mac Stinchfield, The Times-Journal

Gines presented the committee with a sample Telecommunications System Construction Contract that included USDA standards and construction sheets of the lines. The estimated cost of the project is just over \$1.4 million for the 43.5-mile aerial fiber line and two end points that includes structures.

Wolff stated that CBEC would be responsible for putting poles on the 3-mile stretch and will put in the needed poles for making shorter spans and make the route ready for the fiber. Wolff estimates that the poles will be in the ground “before the snow flies.”

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of 96-strand fiber from different manufacturers to save money, but Gines stated that it is possible but he would not recommend it as it may differ slightly. It was stated that it may take up to 8 weeks to receive the fiber once it has been ordered. CA Greiner asked if the city could purchase materials to save time and money, but it was determined after further conversation that the larger companies may be able to get a better price on it by purchasing in bulk.

Access points were discussed and Gines stated that they engineered 14 access points which would be more than adequate for CBEC needs. Wolff will get to Gines were the end structures will be placed, but it was recommended to make some distance between CBEC infrastructure.

Maintenance needs and potential agreements were discussed with Gines stated that with a new line, he hoped that maintenance would be minimal and an on-call/emergency company may be all that is needed. CBEC will maintain the poles and Wolff noted that in the future if they form a subsidiary broadband company that they would be responsible for all maintenance. Werner stated that the IRUs for the use of the fiber will have detailed maintenance agreements included.

Councilor Stinchfield noted concerns that she would like to have all the plans in place prior to putting out the bid documents. Gines and Werner said that it wasn't going to change much of the final project to put the documents out as in the current maps and engineering contract.

Discussed the revenue expected to receive and that it could be based on what is transmitted in the lines on a percentage instead of per line.

Werner will contact CBEC's telecom attorney to work on the partnership IRU agreement with the city. The proposed timeline is to get the partnership and engineering contract in order by the August council meeting, bid documents out mid-September, award at November City Council meeting and construction to be completed early 2018.