



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **Resolution Approving The 2010 Federal Appropriations Request For Municipal Wastewater Project** – approval of a resolution to be submitted to Representative Ann Kirkpatrick for project funding.

Staff Contact: Gayle Mabery, Town Manager

Meeting Date: February 24, 2009

Background: Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick notified the Town of Clarkdale recently that her office has developed a process for local agencies within her district to submit requests for project funding for the 2010 Fiscal Year. A complete set of guidelines and instructions accompanied the notification, with a due date for requests on Friday, February 27, 2009.

Congresswoman Kirkpatrick emphasized her commitment to prudent and responsible use of taxpayers' money, and pointed out that the request process will be transparent, with all requests subject to public review and comment on her website www.house.gov/kirkpatrick

Upon submission of our projects for consideration, Town staff will continue to work with Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's staff to supplement any information they might need in order to submit our projects for consideration in the Federal Budget for 2010.

Town Staff is recommending a municipal wastewater project to be submitted for appropriations requests:

- Broadway Water Reclamation Facility – Upgrade existing 250,000 gpd Wastewater Treatment Plant to a 600,000 gpd Water Reclamation Facility \$13,974,000

It should be noted that Congress names only a small fraction of the appropriation requests it receives, and that appropriations funding for construction are extremely limited. The timeline provided by Congresswoman Kirkpatrick is as follows:

- November – February – Agencies and organizations begin drafting proposals for funding requests.
- February 27 – Deadline for submitting appropriations request to Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's Office.
- Late February through Spring – House and Senate Appropriations Committees begin hearings on all appropriations bills and begin "marking up" (amending) bills. Members must submit projects for consideration prior to the start of these hearings.
- Summer – House and Senate work to approve their versions of the 12 appropriations bills. Some bills will go through the Conference Committee, approved by the House and Senate and sent to the President.

- September – Remaining conference committees meet to finalize appropriations bills. They are voted on and sent to the President for signature. In recent years, the remaining appropriations have been rolled into a large omnibus bill, voted on late in the year.
- October 1 – New Fiscal Year begins. If any bills are not signed into law, continuing resolutions are approved to allow the federal government to continue working under the previous fiscal year's budget authority until their appropriations for the current fiscal year are approved.

Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's application process requires a Resolution of support for the projects by the submitting agency.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Council approve the Resolution in support of the submission of local wastewater infrastructure project to Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick for consideration of federal appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

RESOLUTION # _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA, IN SUPPORT OF SUBMITTING THE CLARKDALE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION OF FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2010 FEDERAL BUDGET.

WHEREAS, as an original “company town”, Clarkdale was founded in 1912, and is recognized as Arizona’s first planned community; and,

WHEREAS, the Clarkdale wastewater system was operated by a private owner from 1912-1957; and,

WHEREAS, in 1957, upon incorporation of the Town of Clarkdale, the Town took over the wastewater treatment system, making substantial upgrades to the treatment processes in 1978 and 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Clarkdale, recognizing the importance of expansion of capacity and improved treatment process, voted to give the Town of Clarkdale authority to enter a Loan Repayment Agreement in the amount of \$1,500,000 to fund a share of the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant on March 10, 1998 with an unprecedented 81% voter approval; and,

WHEREAS, private investment by local developers in the Water Reclamation Plant project was jeopardized when two developers who were committed to contributions toward the project were unable to meet their financial commitments due to the failing housing market and downturn in the national economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkdale and other regulatory agencies desire to see the current location of the Clarkdale Wastewater Treatment Facility, located on the banks of the Verde River, moved further away from the river, and upgraded to improve treatment processes even further; and,

WHEREAS, the cost to undertake this project is too substantial for the small number of rate payers to bear on their own but no other private investment sources are immediately available; and

WHEREAS, the Clarkdale Water Reclamation Plant construction project can be described as follows:

- Town of Clarkdale Broadway Water Reclamation Facility – Upgrade existing 250,000 gpd Wastewater Treatment Plant to a 600,000 gpd Water Reclamation Facility \$13,974,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

That the Town Council of the Town of Clarkdale urges the United States Congress to include Clarkdale's Broadway Water Reclamation Facility project for appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council on the 24th day of February, 2009.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk/Finance Director