

**CITY OF SEGUIN**

**RESOLUTION NO:**

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SEGUIN, TEXAS APPROVING A \$183,769,179.00 PROJECT TO DECOMMISSION THE WALNUT BRANCH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION, TWO SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAINS, AN EXPANSION OF THE GERONIMO CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TO 12.0 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY, AND THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING WALNUT BRANCH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, due to the growth in wastewater customers and TCEQ regulations the City Council previously approved a project to nearly double the capacity of the Geronimo Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, given the cost, continued growth, operational efficiency and location of the Walnut Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant city staff requested that TRC Engineers, Inc. perform a feasibility study to see if moving all the city's wastewater treatment to the Geronimo Creek Plant would be feasible; and

**WHEREAS**, with the feasibility study complete, staff has determined that the positive aspects of closing Walnut Branch and moving all treatment to Geronimo Creek outweigh the negative aspects; and

**WHEREAS**, where the total cost of the project is quite large, when taken in consideration of the previously approved cost to increase capacity at Geronimo Creek along with the anticipated costs for improvements to capacity at Walnut Branch that will be required by TCEQ in the near future, the overall extra cost is not as large as the total project cost; and

**WHEREAS**, using funding from the Texas Water Development Board will result in favorable interest rates that will benefit the rate payers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Decommissioning Project will take approximately 5 years to build out; and

**WHEREAS**, as planned the reuse water would be abandoned; however, CPS Energy may elect to participate in building a third line in order to continue receiving reuse water at their Rio Nogales Power Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, even with the decommissioning of the Walnut Branch Plant, the proposed expansion of the Geronimo Creek Plant will cover the city's anticipated growth for more than fifty years; and

**WHEREAS**, city staff recommends approval of this project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Seguin, Texas:

**SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby approves the Decommissioning of the Walnut Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant with the concurrent expansion of the Geronimo Creek Wastewater Plant and building of a parallel force main and lift station.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council approves city staff initiating and completing a formal application to the Texas Water Development Board to secure the \$183,769,179.00.

**SECTION 3.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all documents related to the initiation of this Project and the funding application to the Texas Water Development Board.

**Section 4.** This Resolution is in full force and effect from and after the date of passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

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DON KEIL, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Naomi Manski, City Secretary