

In City Council November 20, 2014.
Voted unanimously to carry out the
intent of the report.

Vivie M. Hood
Assistant City Clerk

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City of Keene
NEW HAMPSHIRE

November 13, 2014

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

SUBJECT: **MEMORANDUM: Assistant Public Works Director – Sole Source
Approval for WWTP Dewatering Equipment**

On a vote of 4-0, the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee recommends the City Manager be authorized to approve FKC Company as a sole source provider of a screw press for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Upgrade Project.



Chairman/Designee

Background:

Assistant Public Works Director, Donna Hanscom addressed the Committee next. Ms. Hanscom stated that the 30-year old equipment at the wastewater treatment plant is being replaced which treats about a million gallons of water each year. Ms. Hanscom stated that when this item first came before the Committee, staff had indicated that there will be more than one manufacturer who could provide the City with this equipment, the screw press. However, when the engineers came back with the design it was over budget. It was determined that the by going with a smaller size they were able to look at lesser costs.

Ms. Hanscom went on to say that it has also been determined they will be going with a sole source provider, FKC Company. They are a Japanese company and have a number of installations in the U.S. and about 5,000 installations worldwide.

Councilor Filiault asked whether staff has talked with the other municipalities that have used FKC. Ms. Hanscom stated that the operators have actually visited these other municipalities and looked at the equipment.

Councilor Powers asked what the City is doing with its sludge these days. Ms. Hanscom stated that it is now being taken to a landfill in Rochester. Disposal is paid on a per ton basis. Councilor Powers asked whether it is wise to downsize. Ms. Hanscom stated that the equipment is sized on a 20-year projection and in the event it doesn't the engineers have been directed to design a floor plan so that a third one could be added.

Councilor Clark made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Filiault.

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