

## ORDINANCE NO. 20-183

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR THE CLEAN OUT OF THE SODIUM HYDROXIDE TANK AT THE BIG ISLAND WATER WORKS (BIWW) PLANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,671.78; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.**

**WHEREAS**, a few months ago, Staff at the Big island Water Works (BIWW) plant noticed a change in the effectiveness of the sodium hydroxide (NaOH) solution and an investigation revealed an infiltration of groundwater penetrating into the exterior basement wall where both bulk sodium hydroxide tanks abut; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the diluted sodium hydroxide solution and the increased pH in the raw water and considering the strict EPA requirements for drinking water, BIWW Staff determined that the NaOH solution remaining in the tank could not be used in the water treatment process and had to be disposed of at an outside facility; and

**WHEREAS**, since redundancy is crucial in treatment processes, and considering the time it would take Staff to drain the tank, quotes were requested to complete the work and Ross Environmental Services, Inc. was the only company to submit a complete quote, which included cleaning and disposal of the Sodium bicarbonate byproduct caked into the tank bottom and walls, estimated to be 1,000 gallons, at the cost of \$9,167.19; and

**WHEREAS**, after the tank was drained, Ross notified Staff that there was an excessive amount of byproduct in the tank and therefore additional labor costs would be applied and Staff determined it was essential to continue the emergency nature of the work to ensure the tank would be placed back into service in a timely manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the final cost for the cleanout work is \$28,671.78, which includes actual costs to transport 5,814 gallons, equipment, labor, disposal fees and incidentals, and will be paid with Water Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to allow for immediate payment of the equipment and services that have already been provided and currently past due; and

**WHEREAS**, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Department of Public Works, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take

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immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager and/or Finance Director is authorized and directed to expend funds for the emergency clean out of the Sodium Hydroxide Tank at the Big Island Water Works plant and disposal of subsequent byproduct to Ross Environmental Services, Inc. of Elyria, Ohio, at an amount **not to exceed** Twenty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventy One and 78/100 Dollars (\$28,671.78).

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



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RICHARD R. BRADY  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

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MCKENZIE E. SPRIGGS  
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION