



City Council Meeting – May 6, 2019 (Old Business) Staff Responses to Council Questions

Before each Committee of the Whole or City Council meeting, questions that have been posed by the City Council relating to [the agenda](#) for that evening will be posted to the City's website. Below are the responses to this week's questions.

Agenda Item 10. Municipal Bills for Payment

1) Kara Company, \$10,255.00

Q: What is the RTK networking solutions subscription?

A: This payment includes a one-time payment of \$8,650 for a GPS antenna, lithium-ion battery, charging station and the subscription of \$1,605 to operate the system. This purchase allows for real-time kinematic corrections for field GPS that provides survey grade (less than one-inch discrepancy) locating while conducting field data collection. This is completed by utilizing field stations which eliminates the need for post-processing and corrections by staff. Furthering the accuracy of the field data enhances the confidence of the utility information utilized within the City GIS databases, which will reduce the likelihood of inadvertent damage to infrastructure, enhance development planning and construction/project management.

2) Roquette Properties, \$58,503.16

Q: For what time period of the property tax abatement agreement does this payment cover? How many more will there be, and when does the agreement end?

A: The City entered into a Real Estate Tax Abatement Agreement with Roquette Properties, LLC in 2010. The City acknowledged that Roquette would not proceed with their expansion except for the real estate tax abatement. Assuming that Roquette satisfied all of the conditions and covenants set forth in the agreement, the City would abate the City's portion of general real estate taxes for 10 years. The designated percentage was on a sliding scale from 100% in year 1 to 10% in year 10.

This payment is for years 1-8. Recently it was determined by staff that payments had not been previously made due to turnover both at the City and at Roquette. City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins and Economic Development Department Director Cathleen Tymoszenko met with representatives at Roquette to review the agreement, ensure that all conditions had been met, and determine that payment should be made. There are two payments remaining that will be paid in fiscal year 2019-20 and fiscal year 2020-21.