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Bicentennial deadline? Attorney says water cleanup could take 100 years

By Charles Abbott, J-T City Editor

City commissioners Monday night approved a settlement agreement with Phelps Dodge Corporation concerning the zinc smelter site.

Commissioners OK'd a groundwater remediation agreement after David Page, an attorney with Miller, Keffer, Bullock and Pedigo of Tulsa, and Blackwell's environmental attorney, explained the work to be done and the time it will take to clean up the contaminated area.

That process could take decades, maybe as long as 100 years, Page said.

Page gave a summary of a work session held last week in a special commission meeting.

He said there are three issues in the remediation process, a settlement agreement, consent decree, and institutional control ordinances.

The consent decree is binding on the part of all parties and cannot be altered except through court approval.

The cost of the groundwater remediation process was put at \$3.5 million by Page and that cost will be borne by Phelps Dodge.

According to Page, the chief toxicant Blackwell has in its groundwater is cadmium and the amount of cadmium in the affected area here is staggering, 21,000 parts per billion.

By contrast, the allowable is 5 parts per billion.

Under the agreement a complete soil and groundwater remediation is required. Phelps Dodge will settle any discharge violations the Department of Environmental Quality has against the city.

The city's obligations will all be paid for by Phelps Dodge. Public health-based controls are part of the settlement, and must be adopted 60 days after the court enters into a decree to implement institutional controls.

The city is responsible for a public education program, as required by DEQ.

Phelps Dodge is responsible for the monitoring of Groundwater Protection Area wells surrounding the contaminated area, Phelps Dodge must also pay \$256,424 for sludge disposal under the agreement.

There is to be \$590,000 deposited in escrow in a Blackwell bank for future costs, such as code enforcement.

After 20 years, and the fund has at least \$140,000 of the \$590,000 remaining, that money is to be released to the city.

The city is also to get an additional \$130,000 released from Phelps Dodge for requirements that are necessary.

The agreement should be in place by the end of October and filed in federal court in Oklahoma City in November.

A hearing is expected in the spring of 2007.

There was no report given on the codification of ordinances of the City of Blackwell because of the illness of City Attorney Mary Ann Karns.

Mayor Mark Cordell said he expected a full report by the next commission meeting.

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