C-P committee moves toward $22 million contract

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A city-parish committee reached an “agreement in principle” to spend nearly $22 million for the conversion of the Louisiana Chemical Polymers Inc. wastewater treatment plant to handle municipal waste.

Walter Monsour, former chief counsel to Mayor Pat Screen and chairman of the committee, said another meeting is scheduled next Wednesday at which a formal contract prepared by attorney Gordon Pugh will be presented.

Once the contract is gone over by the seven-member negotiating committee next week, Monsour said the committee will be able to make its recommendation to Mayor Screen and the Metro Council.

Parish Wastewater Service Co., whose owners Pete Clement and Bill McFerrin are among major stockholders in LPCI, says it can convert the LPCI treatment plant for $11 million less than the $33 million that Black & Veatch engineers estimate it will cost to upgrade the existing treatment plant.

Clement and McFerrin were in session with the seven-member committee for nearly four hours Wednesday morning as the negotiators ironed out details to be included in the proposed contract.

PWSC proposes to build the plant for $21,962,000, including $6 million for the land and existing site, $14,764,000 for construction, $766,000 contingency and $432,000 in overtime for labor in order to complete the plant for operation by mid-1988. The U.S. Environment Protection Agency has required both the north and south plants be brought to secondary treatment levels by early 1986 and fully operational by mid-1988.

Under the revised proposal, PWSC proposes to complete the negotiations for construction and 20-year leaseback to the city-parish within 30 days. At the end of 20 years, the plant will belong to...