

**JOINT PUBLIC WORKS OF THE WHOLE & WATER WASTEWATER COMMISSSION March 3, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Boelk and President Bushke at 7:00 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Schmidt, Ald. Neumann, Ald. Boelk, Ald. Hohmann, Ald. Toellner, Ald. Longo, Finke, Pasbrig, Steinbach, Bushke

Members Absent: Detuncq

Others Present: Mayor Redeker, Lois Krueger, Darlene Smith , Mike Kurutz, Ron Wellner, Ed Zagorski

**Item #2 – Citizens Comments.**

Ed Zagorski, editor of the Dodge County Pionier asked if the placards could be placed in front of council and committee members, so he can see the names of those he doesn't know yet.

**Item #3 –Discuss/Recommend Sanitary Sewer Laterals.**

Sewer laterals are currently in the ordinance book right now. You can't contribute clear water, storm water, into the sanitary sewer system. We are having an issue with infiltration into the sanitary sewer system. A report was done which showed the water pumped at the treatment plant in the last 10 years compared with water sold through the water mains. Over the last ten years 1 billion 33 million gallons was pumped that wasn't sold (283,000 gallons a day). This is water we do not have to be treating. We will never get that number to 0. But the closer we get the better. Our phosphorus limit now is 1 milligram per liter discharge concentration. In two years are permit changes to .5 milligrams per liter. This can be done with adding more chemicals. According to the DNR numbers 85% of the phosphorus going into the river is coming from farms not municipalities. Our best option is to get our flows and poundage down, so we wouldn't have to do pay the farmers to decrease their run-off. We have hired MSA to study our phosphorus problem. The industries will be visited and discussions will be held on ways to reduce their phosphorus discharge to the treatment plant.

The utility puts in the water and sewer and the laterals to the road right away at no cost to the property owners in conjunction with street projects. The Utility Commission talked about a low interest rate deferred assessment over 5 years to help the homeowners with the cost of the sewer laterals during a street project and also individual homeowners when they need their sewer laterals inspected. The plan is to inspect 80 homes a year over 25 years.

Residential waste comes into the treatment plant at 7 milligrams per liter. Industrial waste comes into the treatment plant at 400 milligrams per liter at times. We need to have a stepped rate with the more you discharge the higher your rate per pound. Some of the industry would rather pay the penalty than fix the problem due to the cost. It is cheaper to discharge down the sewer. Industry is 100% of the problem in the high concentration numbers.

The average cost for sewer lateral replacement is \$2,000-\$5,000 per home. Most likely a house built after 1985 does not have an issue. There was talk about putting the connection fee from Kekoskee/LeRoy to help with this cost. Lining the sewer laterals is cheaper and that will satisfy what we need to do. The home owner is responsible from the home including the connection to the main.

The Water Wastewater Commission has a draft ordinance to present to Council in April.

**Item #4 –Adjournment.**

Motion by Ald. Longo, second by Ald. Toellner to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Smith, City Clerk