

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

May 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Redeker at 5:20 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Redeker, Ald. Sertich

Members Absent: Ald. Toellner

Others Present: Mayor Moede, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Schaefer, Ald. Schmidt, Deanna Boldrey, Kathie Wild, Don Neitzel, Ron Wellner, Mike Kurutz, Ben Brown, Katie Leb, Megan Sheridan

Item #2 – Approve Minutes of April 23, 2012.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Redeker to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2012, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Monthly Utilities Report.

- A. Barwig Lift Station Construction Report.
Ron Wellner reported that the transfer switch is backordered. When the transfer switch arrives, the lift station will be ready to go. Ron reported that nothing can be done with the landscaping and blacktopping at this time.
- B. Radium Report.
Ron reported that plans were submitted to the DNR for approval. Ron was notified that the City is not eligible for grant monies for the project because of new state rules and regulations. Ron continued that this was not what we were told when the project was started. We were told that we were going to get grant money. The Water Wastewater Commission wants to send a letter to the DNR.
- C. 2011 Consumer Confidence Report.
Ron has sent a copy of the 2011 Consumer Confidence Report to the DNR for approval. It will be published in the June 7th edition of the Dodge County Pionier. A copy is available at the Water Wastewater Department and will be available at City Hall.
- D. 2011 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report.
Ron reported that the 2011 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the City of Mayville scored an A. This will be on the commission report. Scored 22 points on Collection System, which is a B on that portion. Not ordered to do anything at this time.
- E. Hydrant Flushing Progress Report.
Hydrant Flushing is complete. There were no incidents. Ron reported that there is a private hydrant at MEC that is broken. MEC does not wish to repair it.
- F. Valve Exercising Progress Report.
Valve Exercising is one third to one half complete and should be done in about a month. At the intersection of Mountin and Dayton there is a hole because the valve was found to be broken. When the area was developed in 1989, soft steel bolts were used and they have become corroded over time. They were supposed to use stainless. The inspector at that time missed it.
- G. Sewer Jetting Progress Report.
As soon as the valve exercising is done the department will start with sewer jetting. This process cleans the sanitary sewer and inspects the man holes. A report is completed on every man hole.

Ron also reported that the sludge holding tank brick fascia is falling off. Ron is getting quotes on the repair of the brick structure.

H. Discussion with Possible Recommendation of Proposed Water Softener Ordinance. Ron Wellner reported that 1.2 million pounds of salt went into the river in 2011. Ron continued that if we can make it better we should. Salt in the river is measured in milligrams per liter. Ron reported that samples are sent to a lab. This is done three times a month. Ald. Sertich asked for the heaviest months. Ron reported that the heaviest month in 2011 was September which was 4,277 pounds per day. Ron reported that in the winter it is between 2,500 – 3,000 pounds per day. Ald. Sertich questioned if the salt from the streets have an impact? Ron noted that this does not have an impact as the sanitary sewer and storm system are two different systems. Ron noted that there could be a cross connection. Ron questioned Mike Kurutz on the salt for the roads. Mike noted that there is approximately 1,200 ton of salt for the roads in the winter. Ron noted that this is 600 ton going into the river. The storm sewer drains into the river at different locations upstream and downstream. Ron reported that this does not have an impact because the samplings are affluent. The treatment plant cannot remove the salt and the salt discharge goes into the river.

Ald. Redeker questioned if the reason it is so high in September is because of commercial industry. Ron noted that the canning company has made improvements tremendously and they have been working with us.

Ron also reported that a local plumber brought him the state plumbing code noting that the state code states that plumbers install the demand type water softener not the timed.

Ron reported he looked on-line at other Wisconsin communities' ordinances. He found that Evansville, East Troy, Ripon, Francis Creek, and Holestein have similar ordinances.

Ron also noted that he looked up water softener availabilities on-line. He went to the following websites: Home Depot, Menards, Ace Hardware, True – Value, Wal-Mart, SAMS, Fleet & Farm, and Farm & Fleet. He noted that not one sold a timed unit. Ron continued that you can purchase it on-line but cannot purchase in State of Wisconsin. Bernhard told him you could order one but they do not sell them. Cost of a Demand Type is \$397 – \$1,072. These are made by GE, Water Wasp, Whirlpool, Ecodyne, and Crystal Pure. Not one is a Timed Water Softener.

Ron reported that the Commission wants the ordinance passed as originally submitted.

Ald. Schmidt noted to educate the community. When he replaced his timed water softener with a demand unit, his water bill and salt use decreased tremendously.

Ald. Sertich noted that if these are the elements available, then ordinance is a waste of money, because they are the only ones available to purchase. Ron noted that they can purchase them on-line. Ald. Sertich noted that she reviewed the ordinances of the City of Brookfield, Chilton, and a few others. She questioned why the City of Mayville is only asking the residential to be part of the process. The City of Brookfield does have the statement noting, seeking volunteer reduction activities from all industry, commercial, and residential sources.

Ron continued that letters were sent out to commercial businesses and to all customers.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Redeker to recommend Proposed Water Softener Ordinance.

Ald. Redeker noted that he spoke to Culligan, and they do not sell timed softeners.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Redeker to recommend the amendment under sub 1, to take out the date and add under section 1) The City of Mayville is seeking voluntary chloride reduction activities from all industry, commercial, and residential sources.

Amendment motion carried unanimously.

As questioned by Ald. Redeker, discussion ensued of section 2) noting the timed paragraph and changing prohibited to should not be recommended. Ron noted the state plumbing codes state shall be of a demand type and to keep prohibited in.

Original motion as amended carried unanimously.

The next Utilities Commission Meeting is June 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.
July meeting may be moved to July 10, 2012, because of 4th of July.

Item #5 – Monthly Engineering & Planning Report.

- A. 2012 Street Resurfacing Program.
Don Neitzel reported that contracts have been shipped to contractor. There will be a preconstruction meeting.
- B. Discuss South End of Mayer Lane.
Don reported that the plant manager of Seneca and he, have been playing phone tag. They want to be a good neighbor. He would like to bring Mr. Judd Rucks from Seneca to the June meeting to have an open discussion.
- C. Discuss with Possible Recommendation 2012 Dam Inspection Proposals for the Lower Dam.
Don reported that he has two proposals for the Lower Dam. One bid is from Kunkel for \$1,650 and the other is from Ayres and Associates for \$1,850. This is required every two years by the DNR. He has the proposals available for viewing. Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Redeker to recommend to Council. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Update on the Monitoring of the River Levels.
Don reported that they have received complaints on the river being up and down, and he has received calls from the DNR. They have installed gauges on both the lower dam and upper dam. They correspond to USGS elevation. These correspond to levels in emergency plans. Mike noted that the dams are checked daily and recorded.

Don also reported that the County will be repaving County Hwy TW and County Hwy WT and County HWY AY; and County Hwy Y (German Street to County Hwy AY).

Item #6 – Monthly DPW Report.

- A. Bulk Material Drop-off Report.
Mike reported that at the last bulk material drop-off people were very good about not bringing electrical items. A refrigerator was turned away. Mike reported that the next Bulk Material Drop off is on June 30th.
- B. Grass Cutting on Private Properties.
These are properties that are not being maintained. Mike reported that two weeks ago there were 16 weed notices issued; and there was one property that was cut. Last week there were 6 weed notices issued.
- C. Discuss Discharge of Grass Clippings onto Public Streets.
Mike noted that the grass clippings onto the public streets has become a problem. This is an ordinance violation. He continued that he is talking about those that cut all onto street. Another municipality is issuing citations. Please refrain from it.
- D. Discuss Damage to Public Property from Car Accidents.
Mike reported on the damage to the curb and gutter on Bridge and Main Street. He noted that there was not a handicap ramp there to start and there is a basin there; otherwise, they would have put a handicap ramp there. Then there was a light pole down in front of Chamber of Commerce. A semi-truck back door swung open and hit the light at the base. Then the truck driver closed door and pulled away.

E. Update on Day to Day Operations.

Mike reported that weeds are being cut. They have been painting cross walks and crack filing. Ald. Redeker thanked Mike for the help with the community garden. Ald. Redeker also thanked True Value for the use of the sod cutter.

Item #7 Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Redeker to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk