

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Bushke with the following roll call:

Members Present: Commissioners Bushke, Pasbrig, Engel and Guse; Alderpersons Smith and Toellner

Members Absent: Commissioner Detuncq

Others Present: Nathan Kempke, Christina Keller, Mayor Rob Boelk, and Joe Hohmann.

Citizen Comments.

None.

Consent Agenda.**Minutes of February 6, 2018, Water Utility Bills, Wastewater Bills.**

Motion by Com. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Smith, to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Engel questioned a few bills paid. Nathan explained. Motion passed, 6-0.

Construction Projects.**Kekoskee/Lerov Project Report/Discussion**

Nathan explained the spreadsheet for the lift station. Nathan explained that the volume is close to what was expected. Alderperson Smith questioned the spikes. Nathan explained rain can increase the flowage.

Water Report.**Well & Distribution System Report/Discussion.**

Meter changes are a third of the way complete. We had water main break last Thursday on 2nd Street. They had issues with the base under the road so the patch will be larger than expected. Well #4 rehabilitation is wrapping up. Water samples came back safe. Waiting for air compressor. Air vent needs to be replaced as well. Hoping to have well 4 back online by the end of March.

Clark Street Water Tower Electric/Discussion

Cost came down quite a bit from turning off the heater. Commissioner Engel thought the bill was still elevated. Suggestion of getting a separate meter for the Dodge County instruments. Nathan will contact Alliant.

SDWLP – Lead Water Service Replacement Funding/Discussion/Possible Action.

We have been asked to give grant options for those who need to replace lead services. Smith asked if we submitted a draft ordinance to the state. Nathan replied that we have. Engel estimated there are around 200 private services that would be lead. Alderperson Smith thinks we can fund up to what we are saving by getting the DNR loan. Nathan states, we will be saving \$148,000. Nathan states he got estimates from local contractors that it will cost an average of \$1,500-\$3,500 per service to replace the lateral. Alderperson Smith is wondering how we can come up with the money to front an abatement program. Mayor Boelk said Sheboygan has an abatement program. The program would be designed to provide grants when the Utility is able to use DNR funding. Nathan warned that we can always apply for DNR funding, but we won't always get approved. Com. Pasbrig thinks we should help these people out. He would like to set an amount.

Motion by Com. Guse, second by Com. Pasbrig to recommend starting a resolution to help homeowners who need to replace lead service pay for their replacement with a ceiling at \$3,500, anything exceeding will have to be paid by the homeowner. Also recommending changes to Ordinance 1095-2018: C3 change "shut off valve" to "curb stop valve" and 2B add "Owner's responsibility may be reduced by Lead Water Service Abatement Program."

Motion passed 6-0.

Wastewater Report.**WWTP & Lift station Report/Discussion/Possible Action.**

Nathan requested contractors to rebid the generator switch replacement to include the installation. Bids already received were just for the switch and did not include the installation. The control panel was replaced in the Wool Rd Lift Station. System was 15 years old. No word on the audit yet, presentation is expected at April or May meeting.

Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replace Updated/Discussion.

Nathan is finishing up watching the videos. Should have results by next meeting.

Manhole Inspections/Discussion.

Nathan came up with an Inspection Form for Utility employees to fill out for manhole inspections. With the forms, we are able to prioritize which manholes are in need. Northern Pipe estimated \$17,000 for the 12 manholes identified as leaking. Ald Smith thinks the money we save by not having to treat the extra inflow will pay for the fixing of the manholes. Ald Smith suggests we fix all of them as you find them. Motion by Com. Guse, second by Ald. Toellner to approve fixing the 12 manholes and receive more bids before deciding. Motion passed 6-0.

Utility Compensation for Deputy Clerk Position/Discussion with possible action.

Motion by Ald Smith, second by Ald. Toellner to pay 5% of the Deputy Clerk salary with review after 3 months. Motion passed 6-0

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Com. Guse, second by Ald. Toellner to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Christina Keller, Utility Accountant