

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

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Nathan Kempke

Citizen Comments.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Minutes of October 2, 2018, Water Utility Bills, Wastewater Bills.

Motion by Com. Guse, second by Ald. Frings to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

Water Report.

Well & Distribution System Report/Discussion.

October 23 water main break on Springbrook Court during the evening, was fixed the following morning. Asphalt patches have been completed for all main breaks and valve replacements. The Clark Street water tower will have the concrete box under the overflow pipe removed this year, as requested by the DNR. Received a report in October from the DNR for an audit done in July – received some minor comments that have already been addressed.

Wastewater Report.

WWTP & Lift station Report/Discussion.

Flows to the WWTP have been around 1 MGD for the last two months. A new pump with a flush valve was installed at the lift station in Kekoskee last week. Great Lakes TV Seal is finishing the main televising work today. Beaver Gunitite completed the repairs to the sludge tank last month. The ATS switch to the WWTP generator was installed last week.

Manhole Inspections/Discussion

Jetting will be finishing up in November. A couple more leaking manholes were found, up to about 20 now. The contractor suggested waiting to seal manholes until Spring when the weather is warmer and the cold will not impact the sealing material. Great Lakes was asked to angle their camera upwards within the manholes while televising, so a lot of manholes can be inspected on video. The Commission asked to see some pictures/video of areas of concern after we receive the televising data.

Credits for Replaced Sewer Laterals Discussion/Possible Action.

Agenda item from Common Council. The mayor suggests a \$1,000 credit for each property owner that fixed their lateral. Discussion included concern about setting a precedent with issuing a credit after an ordinance has been revised. Property owners do have a new lateral as a result and taxpayers should not have to pay for laterals on other property.

Motion by Com. Guse, second by Com. Pasbrig to disallow reimbursement for replaced sewer laterals. Motion passed 4-2, Ald. Smith and Com. Engel voted no. Com. Lodahl abstain.

Lead Water Service Abatement Program Discussion/Possible Action.

Based on information presented by the PSC at a conference, and some follow-up emails, the reimbursement costs for replaced lead services the Utility is currently paying will not be included as expenses during the next rate case study. We would have needed either an approved lead replacement plan by the PSC or to use City funds for reimbursement, rather than Utility funds. The Utility is paying for the reimbursements from money saved by using DNR funding, so City funds should not be used. The Commission would like to work with the PSC to put together a city-wide lead service replacement program for Mayville. No action taken.

Funding for WWTP Bypass Flow Equipment Discussion/Possible Action

At a previous meeting, the Commission approved purchasing a 6" trash pump through borrowing. Since that meeting, it was found that funds were not transferred from the connection fee fund to the general fund to reimburse the Utility's costs for televising the last three years. The amount is \$45,322.93 and would cover the cost of the trash pump and would also save the costs of borrowing money.

Motion by Ald. Frings, second by Com. Lodahl to pay for the trash pump using the money transferred to the general fund from the connection fee fund as reimbursement for past televising costs. Motion passed 7-0.

Personnel.

2019 Payroll Discussion.

Motion by Com. Guse, second by Com. Pasbrig to go into closed session at 6:58 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion on 2019 payroll.

Motion by Com. Guse, second by Com. Pasbrig to go reconvene into open session at 7:23. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Com. Pasbrig, second by Com. Lodahl to increase the pay of the full-time Utility employees by 2% and to re-evaluate Christina's pay after graduation. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Nathan Kempke, Utility Director