

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

Members Present: Commissioners Bushke, Lodahl, Guse, Engel, Ald. Frings and Alderpersons Smith

Members Absent: Com. Pasbrig

Others Present: Nathan Kempke; Christina Keller;

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA**Minutes of December 3, 2019, Water Utility Bills, Wastewater Bills.**

Motion by Com. Guse, second by Com. Lodahl to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

ALERT SYSTEM COMPANY UPDATE AND DISCUSSION.

Last meeting, we suggested approaching the Council to see if the city would be interested in investing in an alert system together. Ald. Smith said he approached the Mayor and Clerk and they said they would not be interested. Most cost-effective action would be to send an email to those that want an alert notifying them when the treatment plant starts to bypass flow. Instructions for Christina to send a letter to Springbrook Court home owners about this process.

WATER REPORT**Well & Distribution System Report/Discussion**

Clark Street water tower was struck by lightning in November. The power has been restored and the utility communication system has been repaired. The power source to the transducer, the transducer itself, and the battery back-up were damaged and needed to be replaced. Cost estimate for repairs is expected to be about \$4,000 and will be a claim under insurance. The process has started for adding polyphosphates. First step is submitting forms to the DNR for approval. It could be late spring/early summer before poly phosphates are added to system. VOC testing will be done this month. Audit is scheduled for last week in January.

WASTEWATER REPORT**WWTP & Lift station Report/Discussion**

The claim from Kekoskee/LeRoy was dismissed due to the contract stating that mediation needs to be done first. Attorney Hammes stated mediation is expected to start soon. Nathan had discussions with the landfill regarding additional lab tests to be done on leachate to determine levels of Mercury, Chlorides, and heavy metals. The landfill has agreed to begin weekly testing starting in January and will forward the results to Nathan. The Park Street lift station has two new pumps to be put in when the new control panel is installed in late winter. Posting for wastewater operator and part-time employee ads will be completed this month.

Kim Olson attended a previous meeting and discussed problems with her lateral, 631 Seitz Ave. Since the meeting, she had her lateral televised and Nathan took a look at the video. Her lateral appears to have roots, offset pipes, and a sag in the line. All of the issues are on private property so the cost to fix them will be at the cost of the homeowner.

Sewer System Report/Discussion

Farmer removed crops from N. German Street field to fix the manhole. Nathan will set up a time to have Hydro-Klean finish their work. Flows to the plant continue to be about 1 million gallons a day.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Com. Guse, second by Com. Lodahl to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Christina Keller, Utility Accountant