

WATER/WASTEWATER MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Commissioner Bushke with the following roll call:

Members Present: Commissioners Bushke and Engel. Via Zoom; Commissioners Guse, Lodahl, Pasbrig and Alderperson Smith. Via phone Alderperson Frings.
Members Absent: None.
Others Present: Nichole DeBaker, Mayor Rob Boelk, Dan Budahn, Brandon Kaufman

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of March 3, 2020, Water Utility Bills, Wastewater Bills.

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

WATER REPORT

Well & Distribution System Report/Discussion

Water Well Solutions is continuing to work on well #2. They were able to remove sand in order to reach approximately 762'. They had to stop due to a possible collapse at that depth. It is possible that we have lost 20' of well depth. They will be televising to investigate and installing a test pump to determine how many GPM the well can pump without drawing sand.

There was a bacteriological sample that failed. The operator contacted the DNR and collected all of the required follow up samples. All of these samples passed.

WASTEWATER REPORT

WWTP & Lift station Report/Discussion

Sabel Mechanical replaced the check valve at the Wool Road lift station

The whole effluent toxicity (WET) sampling was completed. We have not seen results from the lab yet. More sampling is required in the 3rd quarter of 2020.

I submitted the first annual mercury reduction plan report to the DNR. The City will be required by the DNR to identify possible sources of mercury and have them properly disposed of.

Strand Associates performed a dissipative cooling study on the effluent water from the WWTP in order to possibly eliminate thermal limits on the discharge water. We are still waiting for the DNR to comment on the results of this study.

The City has requested Advanced Disposal to perform more sampling for mercury on the landfill leachate. We are still waiting to see the results from the final week of sampling. The City has obtained three proposals from engineering groups to evaluate the feasibility of accepting this leachate from the landfill. Has the City hired one of these firms to perform the evaluation?

I have placed an order for RE 300 which is the phosphorus removal chemical currently being used at the WWTP. The delivery is scheduled to arrive on 4/14/20. MSA has recommended increasing the dosage soon in anticipation of the low- level phosphorus limits which will take effect in July of 2020.

Xylem has provided quotes to replace or rebuild both of the RAS pumps at the WWTP.

The annual NR 101 summary sheet was submitted to the DNR.

CLOSED SESSION

Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion by Com. Pasbrig, second by Com. Lodahl to go into closed session at 3:30 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

Employee's requests.

(Requested Mayor Present)

Motion by Com. Pasbrig, second by Com. Guse to reconvene into open session at 4:15pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Com. Pasbrig, second by Com. Guse to allow Jody Steger to use vacation missed in 2019 and Dan Budahn to have his review once Utility Director is settled in and allow back pay if applicable.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Com. Engel, second by Com. Pasbrig to adjourn at 4:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Nichole DeBaker, Utility Accountant