

WATER/WASTEWATER MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Bushke with the following roll call:

Members Present: Commissioners Bushke, Engel, Guse, Lodahl (Zoom), Pasbrig and Alderpersons Smith (Zoom) and Frings (Zoom)

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Nichole DeBaker; Courtney Steger; Tony Averbek of Hydro Corporation

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of October 6, 2020, Water Utility Bills, Wastewater Bills.

Motion by Commissioner Lodahl, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

WATER REPORT

Well & Distribution System Report/Discussion

- Well #2 is out of service while Water Well Solutions and Suez find a replacement motor and submit this for warranty. We are also still waiting on a motor for well #4 and working with a loaner at the moment. This is expected to arrive within the next week.
- The repeal of ordinance 355-17 was finalized at the 10/12/20 Common Council Meeting by a unanimous decision. No one spoke during the public hearing against this decision and one couple came to speak in favor of fluoride removal. We are no longer chemically fluoridating the water distribution system.
- We do still have an employee on restricted duty due to a previous work comp claim. The timeframe for this is dependent upon healing.

WASTEWATER REPORT

WWTP & Lift station Report/Discussion

- The radium bill from last month's meeting that I had a question on was solely for well #3.
- Mr. Averbek is here to answer any additional cross connection questions, but we do have an ordinance that we would slightly alter to add DNR chapters NR810 and SPS 382 to the verbiage in the ordinance if passed and bypasses can certainly be checked during inspections.
- Jim Creegan with WI DSPS completed a safety inspection of the utilities on 10/21. We updated as many safety practices, classes, policies, and equipment as we could prior to this inspection. We have not received the final report yet. We are aware of some fairly minor adjustments that will need to be made at this point, but there was nothing too concerning.
- Concrete repairs brought up at last month's meeting have been completed on Rae Lane by Intercon.
- September's DMR Report is complete and submitted as well as the quarterly short form.
- The 2019 CMAR has been reviewed and responses from the DNR have been included in your packet.
- We are currently running a trial tote of UNLR for phosphorus removal and awaiting results to lesson chemical costs.
- Televising started on 10/28/20. Our crews completed all pre-cleaning and about 15,000 feet of televising was completed by Monday.
- Heavy rains on 10/22 and 10/23 caused some plant issues since we already had one clarifier down in need of repairs. Since the second clarifier filled during these rains, we were able to get it operational for the time being with a stock motor and some external wiring. The rehab of this clarifier is something that has been on the planning list for quite a long time as a replacement fund item. Total restoration is expected to cost about \$130,000. The drive itself was reported to cost about \$40,000 at last month's meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CITIZENS COMMENTS FROM OCTOBER 6TH, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING. RICHARD AND DONNA BENNETT OF 293 N MOUNTAIN DR REQUESTED CONSIDERATION OF SANITARY BILL REDUCTION DUE TO A SPLIT HOSE.

Motion by Commissioner Pasbrig, second by Commissioner Lodahl to approve the sanitary bill reduction due to a split hose. Motion passed 7-0

PRESENTATION BY TONY AVERBECK OF HYDRO CORP REGARDING CROSS CONNECTION INSPECTIONS.

Tony Averbeck discussed details regarding proposal for Hyro Corp Cross Connection Inspections.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPSAL FROM HYDRO CORP FOR CROSS CONNECTION INSPECTIONS.

Motion by Commissioner Guse, second by Commissioner Engel to approval proposal from Hydro Corp regarding Cross Connection Inspections. Motion passed 7-0.

CLOSED SEESION

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 Commissioner Pasbrig, second by Commissioner Guse to go into closed session at 5:01 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Utility Employee Benefit Payout
Discussion regarding full time operator position candidate
Discussion regarding future staffing

Utility Director 6-Month Review/Discussion

Motion by Commissioner Guse, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to reconvene into open session at 5:32pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Pasbrig, second by Commissioner Guse to increase Utility Director Pay 8% . Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderperson Smith, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to adjourn at 5:34 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Nichole DeBaker, Utility Accountant