

## **WATER/WASTEWATER MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 1, 2020**

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

Members Present: Commissioners Bushke, Guse, Lodahl (Zoom), Pasbrig and Alderpersons Smith (Zoom) and Frings (Zoom)  
Members Absent: Commissioner Engel  
Others Present: Nichole DeBaker; Courtney Steger  
None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Minutes of November 3, 2020, Water Utility Bills, Wastewater Bills.**

Motion by Commissioner Guse, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

## **WATER REPORT**

### **Well & Distribution System Report/Discussion**

- On 11/18 the new motor was installed for well #4 after the lightning strike claims. Billing has been submitted to insurance.
- The hydrant on Meadow and Clark was replaced. A valve nearby started leaking shortly after and was repaired. The very next day another leak was found and repaired. The line was extremely brittle and found to have a previous tar patch.
- A hydrant on Main St. hit by a vehicle was also repaired. This claim is being submitted to the driver's personal insurance.
- Efforts to repair issues related to infiltration of the abandoned sanitary line on Shore Lane have been completed. We have not had significant rains since this repair, but to this point we believe we have taken care of the issue.
- We had a conversation with the DNR regarding lead services. They asked that the Commission is fully aware that the potential grant funding covers private side lead services only and repairs to publicly owned services, if found, will not be covered under grant monies. We may retroactively apply for funding to cover costs associated with repairs.

## **WASTEWATER REPORT**

### **WWTP & Lift station Report/Discussion**

- October DMR long and short form have been submitted.
- A broken field hydrant at the plant was repaired.
- The clarifier is drained and components removed for repairs.
- Greg Gunderson of MSA did a walkthrough of the utility on 11/5 in preparation for quoting a facility plan. This is the plan he had spoken to the board about when he was here for the Iron Ridge regionalization meeting.
- We received the records for 15,000 of televising we had completed last month and are working to prioritize and record areas for repair. We should have a fairly clear picture of the city as a whole with this complete.

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVISIONS TO ORDINANCE 355-18, CROSS CONNECTIONS.**

Motion by Alderperson Smith, second by Commission Lodahl.

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PURSUE WATER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE 2022.**

Motion by Commissioner Pasbrig, second by Commissioner Guse

## **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.

**Utility Operator 6-Month Review/Discussion**  
**Laboratory Services Cost Analysis Review/Discussion**

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

Motion by Commissioner Engel, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to reconvene into open session at 5:09pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Engel, second by Commissioner Pasbring to increase Utility Operator 8%. Motion passed 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to adjourn at 5:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Nichole DeBaker, Utility Accountant