

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

Members Present: Commissioners Engel, Pasbrig, Lodahl, and Alderpersons Smith and Frings
Members Absent: Commissioner Bushke and Guse
Others Present: Nichole DeBaker; Courtney Steger

CITIZEN COMMENTS

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 6, 2021. Water Utility Bills, Wastewater Bills.

Motion by Commissioner Guse, second by Alderpersons Frings to approve the Consent Agendas for July 6, 2021.

Motion passed 5-0.

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

- A leaking valve was repaired at Circle and Mayer.
- The breaker at Well #3 that required repairs per our insurance company has been repaired. Electrical work was also completed at the Clark St tower. An additional electrical cabinet was added to isolate electronics from water.
- The rate increase approved at last month's meeting has been filed.
- About 1/3 of valve turning is complete.
- Sophia Stevenson, our DNR representative, will be here for our sanitary survey August 4th.
- We were granted approval to professionally remove two large trees on Bridge and S. German. One has roots tangled into the curb stop and the other would be undermined and make it dangerous to remove the service. Manning's tree service completed work on 8/2.
- As of today we have 107 lead service replacements completed. Paperwork is complete for all but 15 homes. The total lead services dropped to 211 as of now through inspections.
- On 7/28 around noon we had a motor fail at well #2. Crews came from southern Illinois immediately and pulled one shaft to find a bare wire short. Speaking with Water Well solutions we are going to be looking for solutions going forward as it seems to be a design flaw. The well was back in service at 8:30 p.m.
- Hydrant repairs were completed on Industrial and 4th St. While flushing the nozzle of this 1963 hydrant blew out. We repaired it with an older, but new stock hydrant.

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

- Utilities is completing pre-cleaning for upcoming televising work by Great Lakes TV. We have a list of missing manholes within the televising area that they have equipment for and will be working with us to locate.
- Our chemical pump for phosphorus chemical was installed by our staff and we are working with Logan of NEO Water to fine tune dosage to save of chemical costs. In one of our past meeting we had discussed that the pumps were designed for use with ferric products and far oversized to accurately dose with the current rare earth chemical.
- On 7/13 we had a sewer back-up in the main on Lincoln and Barwig before the Dayton St. lift. Our crews removed the clog, but we found that there is no manhole where the main that crosses the river takes a bend to the lift station. One is listed on the map, but nothing was found. This is one area Great Lakes TV will be helping to locate the manhole, if it exists.

-I was asked to take a look at the possibility of moving our outfall for flood relief. One professional opinion stated there is about a 2' drop in flood elevation from the bridge to 800' west. It may be possible to relocate the discharge downstream to push more flow out from the plant, but it wasn't believed to have a significant impact on stream flow or the ability to minimize flooding to the south. This is something that was discussed at the common council level regarding flooding.

- We also discovered today during Bridge St construction that the water from pea pack seems to follow the creek channel and was running directly into the construction zone.

FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE AND PRESENTATION BY MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

MSA sent Facility's Plan Update, was not at meeting. Commission discussed the Facilities Plan Update. Will follow up with MSA to put in writing that it would not be practical to accept leachate.

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 Alderperson Smith, second by Alderpersons Frings to go into closed session at 4:45pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action regarding DNR Operator Certification testing Pay Scale.

Discussion and possible action regarding Laboratory Staffing.

Motion by Commissioner Lodahl, second by Alderpersons Frings to reconvene into open session at 5:02pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Lodahl, second by Commissioner Smith to post Laboratory Technician Position. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Frings, second by Commissioner Smith to adjourn at 5:03 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Nichole DeBaker, Utility Accountant