

WATER/WASTEWATER MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

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

Members Present: Commissioners Engel, Pasbrig, Lodahl, Guinn (4:02) and Alderpersons Smith and Frings

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Nichole DeBaker; Courtney Steger, Greg Droessler Town & Country Engineering

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ashley Schaefer of 438 Breckenridge Dr. came in to thank the Commission for making the decision to remove the Lead Services from Mayville. Schaefer's daughter experienced significant drops in her blood levels from lead.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of October 5, 2021 and October 18, 2021 Special Meeting. Water Utility Bills, Wastewater Bills.

Motion by Alderperson Smith, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to approve the Consent Agendas for October 5, 2021 and October 18, 2021 Special Meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

WATER REPORT

Well & Distribution System Report/Discussion

Greg Droessler from Town & Country Engineering summarized the findings of the Systems Needs Assessment report that was completed in October. This report includes the recommendation to replace the entire building and treatment system at Well 4 for an estimated \$1.84M.

Town and Country Engineering submitted an Intent to Apply (ITA) form to the DNR on the City's behalf for the upgrades at Well 4, and included an additional \$250,000 in the ITA for SCADA upgrades at the City's other water facilities. The total amount listed was \$2.1M. The plan for the other wells is to upgrade each of them in the next 3-5 years as well.

Town and Country discussed the City's project with the USDA Rural Development group and it was determined that the City would likely not receive a grant from them, but rather only a loan if needed. This is largely due to the large percentage of industrial water use in the City vs residential use. Without a grant from this program, the DNR's SDWLP loan makes more sense.

SDWLP offers principal forgiveness (grant) for up to \$500K for projects that qualify. We're optimistic based on previous projects that the City will qualify for this grant based on the lower MHI and points given to the project in the DNR review process for replacing equipment that contains lead.

The design contract will be on the agenda next month, and the plans and specs are due to the DNR for review by June 30th. The review schedule for projects such as this at the DNR and PSC have been taking about 6 months; thus, best case scenario may be bidding the project next year around this time for construction in 2023. We hope to have construction complete by end of 2023.

Droessler Left 4:29pm

Courtney Steger, Utility Director reported:

As of today, we have 20 lead water services remaining, or 93% completion. We had a zoom meeting with the DNR on 10/14 to discuss lead service removal and the potential for corrosion control additives in the future. The DNR representatives were surprised with our update and did not expect that we would be anywhere near completion. Once lead services are removed and additional testing and records are complete, we will not have to add corrosion control inhibitors.

The ITA/PERF have been submitted for SWDLP funds for the public side lead we have replaced. At this point we have completed 9 publicly owned lead service replacements.

WASTEWATER REPORT

WWTP & Lift Station Report/Discussion

Courtney Steger, Utility Director reported:

The gate between clarifiers has been repaired in and the clarifier installation will start this week. We hope to have it back online by next week.

I attended the Leroy Kekoskee Sanitary meeting on 10/20 to discuss I/I concerns. I'm told all sewer is PVC and they do have regular televising that does not seem to show signs of I/I. They do believe the issue lies with clear water connections. We discussed how Mayville ordinances do apply to the satellite district as well and there is discussion as to how to ensure these connections are not immediately put back into place after removal.

Lastly, we completed our toxicity testing the week of 10/11. Mid-week during this testing we had a severe DO drop and some sort of slug load go through the plant and the clarifier turned green. We did not pass and have to repeat this testing. The minnows used in this test did not die from whatever substance was in the waste stream, but growth was stunted.

Today we received a notice of non-compliance regarding the 8/8 TFO. All reporting was followed, but they consider the amount of overflows in the last 5 years a violation of permit. We have to submit a three-year plan by December 1st for controlling I/I and revise our CMOM (Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance) program.

CLOSED SESSION

Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (c) 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 Lodahl, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to go into closed session at 4:52 pm.
Motion passed unanimously

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Water Operator Position.

Motion by Commissioner Pasbrig, second by Alderperson Frings to reconvene into open session at 4:59pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Engel, second by Commissioner Lodahl to hire George Kramer full time starting January 1, 2022. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Lodahl, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to adjourn at 5:02 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Nichole DeBaker, Utility Accountant