

WATER/WASTEWATER MINUTES

MARCH 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Commissioner Bushke with the following roll call:

Members Present: Commissioners Engel, Pasbrig, Lodahl, Guinn, Bushke and Alderpersons Smith and Frings
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Nichole DeBaker; Courtney Steger, Mayor Rob Boelk (via phone), Greg Droessler Town & Country Engineering, Greg Gunderson of MSA Professional Services, Tim Gutjahr, Mike Pasbrig, Mike Kelley and Mitch Owen.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of February 1, 2022. Water Utility Bills, Wastewater Bills.

Motion by Alderperson Frings, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to approve the Consent Agendas for February 1, 2022. Motion passed 7-0.

UPDATE BY GREG DROESSLER OF TOWN & COUNTRY ENGINEERING REGARDING WELL #4 REHABILITATION PLANNING.

Greg Droessler of Town and Country Engineering discussed the planning progress of Well #4. Droessler is hopeful, pending approvals from the PSC (Public Service Commission) and DNR (Department of Natural Resources) ground will be breaking next Spring.

UPDATE BY GREG GUNDERSON & STEVE SELL OF MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLANNING.

Greg Gunderson of MSA Professional Services presented four different routes regarding the upgrade to the Wastewater Facilities Plant, discussion held.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING JOINT RESOLUTION 5732-2022 RESTRICTING EXTENSION TO SANITARY SEWER.

Discussion held regarding Joint Resolution 5732-2022 restricting extension to sanitary sewer. Commission discussed having a healthy definition of what is considered a high-capacity problem. It was also discussed whether we can build higher capacity with MSA's Facility Planning.

Motion by Commissioner Lodahl, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to approve the Joint Resolution 5732-2022 Restricting Extension to Sanitary Sewer. Motion passed 6-1.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE REGARDING FUTURE INCIDENTAL LEAD FUNDING POSSIBILITIES.

Discussion held regarding future incidental lead funding possibilities to help homeowners pay for such funding. It was brought up to possibly use those funds for other incidental funding.

Will table and bring back more options.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF HURCO VALVE EXERCISER.

Discussion held regarding the purchase of Hurco Valve Exerciser. The current tool being used is a safety concern.

Motion by Commissioner Lodahl, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to approve the purchase of Hurco Valve Exerciser. Motion passed 7-0.

WATER REPORT

Well & Distribution System Report/Discussion

Courtney Steger, Utility Director reported:

On 2/2 we had a water break on Horicon and Clark. DPW and DCERT assisted with ice and traffic control. A gasket had shifted in the bell to cause the break. Affected users were notified and repairs were complete the next day.

On 2/23 we had a service break on Seitz. We were out with a leak detector during the summer for complaints of undermining driveways in the area and he pinpointed the exact area where the leak surfaced. It appears the connection at the flare was kinked at the time of construction and the undermining was following a gas trench a few houses away.

EPA requirements for Risk and Resilience Assessments and Emergency Response plans were completed and certified with the EPA for water. This was a requirement for all utilities over 3300 in population.

WASTEWATER REPORT

WWTP & Lift Station Report/Discussion

Courtney Steger, Utility Director reported:

Annual mercury reporting has been submitted to the DNR. Annual average went from 0.5 ng/L to 0.33 ng/L and new survey requirements were implemented in 2021.

We received a response to the 2019 cooling study that was also submitted to the DNR. Our permit is approved to modify or remove effluent temperature limits.

Laboratory fee increases were implemented since the approval at last month's meeting. 4th street lift station pump repairs are complete. The stator is now rewound correctly. This was regarding a failed pump we had a spare for. At install it was determined the new pump was defective from the manufacturer but out of warranty since we had it in stock since 2014.

We've also had issues with return and final effluent pumps. Due to the age of the drives and electrical breakers are single phasing and drives failing. We were able to contract these repairs, but parts are becoming far more difficult to find and order.

We're working on completing the spot repairs to damaged sewer on Grand Blvd. In reviewing the full length of video, I noticed a yellow pipe that came toward and over the broken sewer. I've contacted Alliant and they will be present when repairs are made to evaluate if this line was potentially bored through to submit a claim for repairs.

Yesterday 2/28 and today, Baker Tilly is in office working on the utilities audit.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Lodahl, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to adjourn at 5:40 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Nichole DeBaker, Utility Accountant