

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Bushke with the following roll call:  
Members Present: Commissioners Engel, Guinn (via zoom), Bushke and Alderpersons Smith and Frings  
Members Absent: Commissioners Pasbrig and Lodahl  
Others Present: DeBaker, Nichole; Courtney Steger

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Alderperson Frings, second by Alderperson Smith to approve the Consent Agendas for March 1, 2022.  
Motion passed 5-0.

**WATER REPORT**

Courtney Steger, Utilities Director Reported:

The 2021 consumer confidence report has been published and sent to the DNR.

Hydrant flushing is set to begin May 18<sup>th</sup> and published in the paper as well.

On 3/2 we had a service repair on Seitz Ave. This was on the city owned side. The connection point to the curb stop was kinked, likely at installation.

On 3/9 we had a break at Clark & 4<sup>th</sup>. KS Energies had potholed next to a hydrant for boring. The valve near the hydrant let go when the soil was disturbed. The bolts were rusted out entirely and it appears the compacted soil had been holding it together.

On 3/10, we had a water main break on Dayton and Clark. A hole was repaired and again on 3/11 another leak appeared about 10 feet away. The second leak was an old repair band that had broken loose.

On 3/15, during the boring operation an abandoned service was hit. We found the service exit point in the middle of the property bent over.

We've hit 125 meter changes so far this year of our goal of 150.

In last month's agenda we spoke about creating a minimal monthly fee to cover future unfunded incidental lead service replacements. I've spoken with the PSC advisor and while they have never seen a case structured like this, they think it's good insurance. I have started the application process for their review. If approved, rate payer funded replacements through this program could cover up to 50% of costs and you may still work in conjunction with other federally or state funded programs to cover costs of replacement.

We received a second round of funding through the DNR private side LSL program in the amount of \$712,801. This covers all repayment for overages incurred last year, the two recently exposed lead services, and replacement of galvanized services.

**WASTEWATER REPORT**

Courtney Steger, Utilities Director Reported:

We've passed another round of toxicity testing.

Mike Kelley passed the chloride proficiency testing with the DNR auditor. We are now able to avoid sending out for chloride testing and accept testing work from other municipalities.

On 3/16 we completed the temporary repairs of the collapsed sewer on Grand Blvd.

Last year we were chosen for PFAS testing through the DNR. I consulted with another municipality to interpret our results. Proposed limits are 8 ng/L for PFOS and 95 ng/L for PFOA. Your results are 1.39 ng/L for PFOS and 3.38 ng/L for PFOA.

Asphalt patching has been scheduled and they will complete repairs as soon

Tim is now cross trained to cover lab work and we held training today to train everyone on jetter operations.

For both water and wastewater facilities we have implemented a GIS mapping system from Diamond Maps. We build it ourselves and the cost for a single user is \$20/month and \$60/month for multiple users. We have summer help hired familiar with this system to work on mapping all summer and WRWA is providing us with precision mapping equipment to borrow. This has also been brought up City Hall and has a lot of potential to be utilized in other departments as well as a shared purchase.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INDUSTRIAL CHLORIDE FEE ADDITION.**

Courtney Steger, Utility Director provided The Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) Chloride compliance monthly numbers. The wastewater is in compliant with these numbers. However, the numbers are higher than we would want to see. It was discussed that it would be in the best interest to reach out to the industries and educate them on ways they can pre-treat. The hope is to see the numbers lowered without having to charge any industrial chloride fees. No Action Taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Engel, second by Aldersons Smith to adjourn at 4:44 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Nichole DeBaker, Utility Accountant