

## **WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 16, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Dave Gough at 7:10 PM. Present at roll call were: Dave Gough, Cindy Corley, Don Osterday and Steve Pickett. Absent were: Bev Anderson and John Sonsalla. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, Jeremy Williams, Dennis McPhail and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Pickett second by Corley that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Osterday second by Pickett to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under unfinished business, Jeremy Williams updated those present on the sewer main replacement project. He stated a pre-construction meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 11:00 AM at the Municipal Building. Jeremy stated the contractor is scheduled to start work the week of June 30<sup>th</sup>. The contractor is planning on starting work at the intersection of Galena Street and Center Hill Road, and then work south from there to the high school area. The project is projected to be completed sometime in October this year. John Sonsalla arrived at the meeting at 7:13 PM.

Under new business, the 2013 Compliance Maintenance Report regarding the operation of the wastewater treatment plant was presented for review and consideration. A copy of the report was included in the agenda packet. Jeremy Williams and Dennis McPhail attended the meeting to present the information and answer questions. The overall rating for the operation of the wastewater treatment plant was 3.91 out of 4.00. Of the nine categories being rated, the plant had an "A" rating in every category but one; and the other rating was a "B". Chairman Gough stated the report was another good report for 2013.

Several questions were asked by those present. It was reported the one category with the "B" rating relates to clean water infiltration. Dennis stated for three months in the spring of 2013, we had higher rainfall than normal, and some of that rainfall found its way to the wastewater treatment plant. The construction work being done on Galena Street this summer and fall will replace some of the damaged sewer mains, and reduce clean water infiltration in that area.

Dennis McPhail also reported on the phosphorus limits at the wastewater treatment plant. The plant's current limit is 1.0 mg/L. At end of 2013, the plant was discharging 0.6 mg/L. Since that time, they have been adding more chemical at the plant, and they now have the phosphorus discharge down to 0.18 mg/L. However, the increased chemical use comes at a cost, and the process creates more sludge, which has to be disposed of. So there are higher operating cost associated with trying to remove more phosphorus. The new proposed phosphorus limit from the DNR is 0.10 mg/L.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Pickett to accept the report, and recommend approval of the 2013 Compliance Maintenance Report by the City Council. Motion carried. Jeremy Williams, Dennis McPhail and Operator in Training Jeff McCarthy were then congratulated on all their good work at the wastewater treatment plant.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Corley to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer