

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Dave Gough at 6:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Dave Gough, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley, Don Osterday, John Sonsalla and Steve Pickett. Absent: None. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, Dale Marsh, Jeremy Williams, Dennis McPhail, Jean Kruser, Tallitha Reese and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under unfinished business, Alderperson Osterday asked if the maintenance on the south well pump that was postponed last fall due to the drought, will be completed this spring as planned. Jeremy Williams responded that the south well pump maintenance will be done later this month.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the 2012 Compliance Maintenance Report regarding the operation of the wastewater treatment plant. A copy of the report was included in the agenda packet. Jeremy William and Dennis McPhail attended the meeting to present the information and answer questions. It was reported the wastewater treatment plant received A Grade's in all sections of evaluation, for an overall grade of 4.00; a very good report. Dennis stated influent flows decreased last year due to the drought; which in turn helped in plant operation. Dennis and Jeremy reported on future challenges at the plant. It's time to renew the discharge permit with the DNR. New phosphorus removal rules are going into effect, and phosphorus discharge limits will be significantly lower. This change will increase the operating cost of the plant.

Jeremy Williams reported he has completed and passed the wastewater license classes. However he has limited time available to spend time working at the wastewater treatment plant. Dennis and Jeremy suggested additional help be hired to assist in the operation of the plant. Jeremy Williams also reported he plans to continue cleaning one third of the sewer mains each year. And they will continue to work on maintenance projects where needed. It was also suggested the sewer ordinance needs to be updated to include surcharges for exceeding limits for bod's and phosphorus.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve the 2012 Compliance Maintenance Report regarding the operation of the wastewater treatment plant as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the proposed sewer main replacement project. Dale Marsh of Robert E. Lee Associates attended the meeting to present information and answer questions.

Dale then distributed a copy of a schedule for applying for 2014 Clean Water Funds. The schedule shows plans and specifications need to be submitted to WDNR for their review by September 3, 2013; and the final project financial assistance application submitted to WDNR by September 30, 2013.

Dale stated prior to completing the project plans and specifications; decisions need to be made regarding the scope of the Galena Street project. And in order to make those decisions, additional survey work, cleaning and televising work, and soil boring work needs to be completed. Since there are sewer mains on both sides of Galena Street, a decision needs to be made whether to combine the two sewer mains into one larger main, or keep them separate. The proposed work will provide the information needed to make those decisions.

It was then reported the proposed cost for additional survey work is \$3,900.00; the proposed cost of soil borings is \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00; and Jeremy Williams stated the proposed cost of sewer main cleaning and televising is \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. The total cost of this additional work could reach \$15,900.00. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to recommend to the Council the approval of this additional work as recommended. Motion carried.

Discussion was then to be held regarding additional sewer main survey work; however that matter was combined under the previous agenda item.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Corley to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Motion carried.

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