

Water & Sewer Commission Meeting February 26, 2024

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday February 26, 2024, at the City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by Tom Kloss. In attendance were Richard Warner, Craig Konter, Tom Kloss, Jason Ekern, Tom Jensen, Joe Galewski and Julie Dascher.

Proof of Giving Public Notice Yes

Approval of Minutes – January 29,2024

Motion by Tom Jensen to approve the minutes from the January 29,2024 meeting as presented. Second by Jason Ekern. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

A. Discussion with Possible Action FOG-Ordinance for Grease Trap

Tom Kloss asked Joe how often other cities require grease traps to be cleaned. Joe stated some cities are between 3 to 12 months. Tom Kloss asked Joe how often he thinks the grease traps need to be cleaned. Joe recommends every 6 months. Jason Ekern suggests going to the City Council to add to the Ordinance that the grease traps need to be cleaned every 6 months.

B. Discussion on High Ammonia at Public School

Joe reported the number is down to 36.5 but needs to be no higher than 25. He is waiting for the next test results. Joe will monitor till the results get down to 25. Tom Kloss asked what the cost is so far that the city has paid. Joe is working on those totals to date. Motion to pursue the cost by Tom Jensen and second by Richard Warner. All voting Aye. Motion carried. The Committee decided to give the Public School until April 30, 2024, to get the numbers down to 25 and be complying. The city would then be willing to do a cost share of 50/50. Motion by Tom Jensen and seconded by Jason Ekern. Roll call Tom Jensen yes, Craig Konter yes, Richard Warner yes, Tom Kloss yes, Jason Ekern yes. Motion carried.

C. Discussion with Possible Action-Wegman Concrete Construction.

Tom Kloss and mayor Baecker checked the concrete on Main Street by Northern Investment and both agreed it looked ok.

D. Update 120 Water

Joe has a meeting on Thursday 2/29/2024. No updates since last month.

New business:

A. Status Update SEH Facility Plan

None

B. Date for future meeting.

Monday Mar. 25,2024 at 6:15 p.m.

C. Superintendent's Report

Ken Olson has a test Tuesday Feb. 27,2024. Joe and Eli will be attending a WRWA training March 26th to 29th in LaCrosse. Jason suggested submitting all information to the City Council. Joe suggested thinking about 2nd St. and about cost sharing between Water, Sewer, and Street Department.

Items for Next Agenda

Old Business:

- A. Discuss Possible Action FOG-Change Ordinance for grease trap.
- B. Discuss High ammonia at Public School.
- C. Status Update SEH Facility Plan
- D. Update to 120 Water.

New Business: None

Commissioner's Comments

Talked about replacing the old Chevy truck with a vehicle that can be used for multiple purposes.

Adjournment at 7:57 pm.

Julie Dascher
Deputy Clerk