

Water & Sewer Commission Meeting

March 25, 2024

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday March 25, 2024, at the City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm by Tom Kloss. In attendance were Richard Warner, Craig Konter, Tom Kloss, Jason Ekern, Tom Jensen, Joe Galewski, Julie Dascher, Jeff Nussbaum and Jeramiah from SEH.

Proof of Giving Public Notice Yes

Approval of Minutes –February 26,2024

Motion by Tom Jensen to approve the minutes from the February 26,2024 meeting as presented. Second by Richard Warner. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

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

The new ordinance needs to be submitted to LaVerne Michalak for review and then it goes to the City council for approval.

B. Discussion on High Ammonia at Public School

Jason Ekern met with Paul Franzwa at the Public school to try to resolve the high ammonia issue. Paul requested another test be done. Jason told Paul it takes 3 weeks for the results to be sent. Paul said they are working to try to get the numbers down to 25 and below. Jason suggested Paul check with other schools to see what types of cleaning supplies they use. Jason suggested sending the samples to 2 different testing facilities.

C. Status Update SEH Facility Plan.

The council commission discussed with SEH the different options that would work besides building a new WWTP. The council commission decided they need some more information. Tom Kloss will be talking with Davy Engineering about some options the council discussed.

D. Update 120 Water

Joe Galewski talked with John from 120 Water and is waiting for final completion.

E. New Light Repair Quote

Joe received a quote from Osseo Electric LLC for \$6,600.00 to fix and replace other lights with LED light by well #2, #3 and the WWTP as it is a safety issue. Motion to accept the quote from Osseo Electric LLC to replace the lights by Tom Jenson and second by Jason Ekern. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New business:

A. Lead Service Inventory

Joe Galewski suggested we send out a survey flyer to identify water service material in homes. Motion to send out surveys by Richard Warner and second by Jason Ekern. All voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Superintendent's Report

Ken Olson passed his test. Pumps need to be checked. The blower went out at the WWTP and the cause was a burned wire. All 3 boxes are replaced. Waste water DNR will be here April 10,2024. Cross Connection needs to be renewed with Hydro Corp.

Items for Next Agenda

Old Business:

- A. Grease Trap Ordinance
- B. High Ammonia at Public School
- C. Water Treatment walls
- D. Water Treatment Humidifier
- E. SEH Discussion
- F. Davy Discussion

Date for Future Meeting.

Monday April 29,2024 at 6:15 p.m.

Adjournment at 8:58 pm.

Julie Dascher

Deputy Clerk