

Water & Sewer Commission Meeting December 27, 2023

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday December 27, 23 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, Joe Galewski, Tom Kloss, Eileen Hanson and Julie Dascher.

Proof of Giving Public Notice Yes

Approval of Minutes – November 27, 2023

Motion by Craig Konter to approve the minutes from the November 27th meeting as presented. Second by Richard Warner. All voting aye, Motion carried.

Public Comments: Eileen Hanson requested credit on her bill from February 28, 2023 as she had a water hose crack in her basement. Tom Kloss said she can receive a one-time credit on the bill. The total amount of \$349.67 will be credited to her account. Motion by Craig Konter to grant one time forgiveness as suggested and second by Richard Warner. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

A. 2nd Street Water Main Invoice Update

Larson Plumbing bill for \$70,900.25 was paid on December 15, 2023. Pavement on 2nd Street is planned for Spring of 2024. The 2nd Street Water Main Project may be extended.

B. WWTP-Discussion/Review/Update

Tom Kloss discussed with the committee about SEH holding back information. The city received no breakdown in the report and the city should have received it from SEH. Tom suggested writing a letter to SEH requesting a breakdown. If we cannot get the information the city has paid SEH. We may need to have City Attorney LaVerne Michalak contact SEH. Davy Engineering is meeting with Joe Galewski and Tom Kloss would like to attend that meeting. Tom Kloss stated that we need to pay the bill from Davy Engineering in the amount of \$8,800.00 and is due in January. Motion by Richard Warner to pay the bill and second by Craig Konter. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

C. Sewer Meter/Rate Discussion/Review/Action

Discussed raising the meter rate for 3/4 - inch meters to \$19.20. This would be added to the 1/15/2023 Budget meeting Agenda. Tom Kloss suggested getting a Notification out to customers about the rate change. Notification will be added to the December Water bill mailing.

New business:

A. FOG Ordinance

Joe Galewski is requesting a change in the Water & Sewer Ordinance on how often to clean the grease traps and getting access to laterals.

B. Delinquent Billings There are more delinquent bills this month, but people are coming in to pay.

C. Budget Meeting

January 15,2024 at 6:15

D. Schooling/Testing Update

Ken sent out forms to get on the schedule to take a test.

E. Superintendent's Report

Joe said the ammonia level is high at the Public School. He checked it November 15,2023 and it was 53.7 Joe will recheck in January 2024.

F. Date for Future Meeting

Budget Meeting is January 15,2024 at 6:15 and the regular monthly meeting is January 29,2024 at 6:15 pm.

G. Items for Next Agenda

Old Business:

- A. FOG-Change Ordinance for grease trap.
- B. High ammonia at Public School.
- C. Check with Wegman Construction about cracks in concrete on Main St.
- D. Update on One20 Water.

New Business: None

H. Commissioner's Comments - none

Adjournment at 7:53 pm.

Julie Dascher
Deputy Clerk