

Water & Sewer Commission Meeting

January 2, 2025

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Thursday January 2, 2025, at the City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Tom Kloss. In attendance Tom Kloss, Tom Jensen, Richard Warner, Dawn Abrahamson and Tiffany Bautch. Joe Galewski and Craig Konter arrived at 6:08pm.

Proof of Giving Public Notice Yes

Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Tom Jensen and Seconded by Richard Warner. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

Approval of Minutes –Nov. 25, 2024- Motion by Tom Jensen to approve the minutes from the Nov. 25,2024 meeting as presented. Second by Richard Warner. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

A. Discussion with Possible Action High Ammonia at the Public School

Bringing back to the next regular meeting. Rates have increased checking with the IT to make sure everything is set up correctly in the system.

B. Discussion with Possible Action Davy Facility Plan Review.

Tom Kloss has been in contact with Tim from Davy. DNR giving City zero leeway. DNR advising Tim can do the Hydraulic study, but to also have a Plan B and C. DNR would like city to also look into Regionalizing with Whitehall due to Whitehall in same boat. Plan A to do Hydraulic Study and rebuild, Plan B regionalize with Whitehall and Plan C build somewhere else.

C. Discussion with Possible Action Review of Sewer Rates Increases

Motion to table until next month by Richard Warner; seconded by Tom Jensen. Motion by unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

D. Discussion with Possible Action of Request for Water Rate Increase

Same as Item C

E. Status Update of Water Pipe Survey

Joe has been working on it.

F. Discussion with Possible Action of Wayne Street

Owner is aware

G. Discussion with Possible Action Ferric Tank and Shed

Joe ordered a shed with Tom Kloss approval due to sale ended 12-31-24. Tom Jensen motion to ratify the purchase/approval from Tom Kloss; seconded by Richard Warner. Roll call vote: 4-0 yes. Motion carried.

New Business:**A. Discussion Regional Wastewater Treatment Plan with Whitehall**

DNR wants additional Plan B & Plan C. Whitehall Facility also needs works and wants the cities to Regionalize Treatment Plan. Davy recommends Plan A with the Hydraulic study.

B. WQT Inspection Report for Bruce Valley and Four Season Park

Tom Kloss discussed the report. DNR wanting vegetation at Four Seasons where riprap was placed years ago.

Superintendents Report**A. Disconnect Update**

A new meter replaced at the one residence. Disconnect notices hung up on Monday.

B. Jetter Status

Not listed yet, hopefully next week.

Commissioners Comments

None.

Items for Next Agenda**Old Business:**

- A.** Discussion with Possible Action High Ammonia at Public School
- B.** Discussion with Possible Action on Facility Plan Review with Davy Engineering
- C.** Discussion with Possible Action Sewer Rate Increase
- D.** Discussion with Possible Action of Request for Water Rate Increase
- E.** Update on Water Pipe Survey
- F.** Discussion with Possible Action Wayne Street Curb
- G.** Discussion with Possible Action Ferric Tank and Shed

Future Date for next Meeting

Monday January 20, 2025, at 6:15pm-Budget

Tuesday January 28, 2025, at 6:15pm-Regular Meeting

Closed Session

Motioned by Richard Warner and Seconded by Tom Jensen to go into closed session. Roll call Vote: 4-0. Motion Carried at 7:18pm.

Motioned by Craig Konter to reconvene into open session; seconded by Richard Warner.

Motioned carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve. Motion carried at 8:00pm.

Motioned by Richard Warner to affirm items discussed in closed session. Roll Call vote: 4-0 yes. Motion carried at 8:00pm.

Adjournment at 8:01p.m.

Dawn Abrahamson, City Clerk Assistant