

Water & Sewer Commission Budget Meeting

January 13, 2026

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Tuesday January 13, 2026, at the City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm by Randy “Fritz” Conrad. In attendance, Richard Warner, Tom Jensen, Jason Ekern, Deputy Clerk Abby Bautch and Lenice Pronschinske. Absent Craig Konter.

Proof of Giving Public Notice: Yes

Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Jason Ekern and Seconded by Randy Conrad. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

New Business:

A. 2026 Water & Sewer Budget Review: Tom Jensen supplied a financial statement from the auditors to go over funds from last audit for Water & Sewer. Commission wants to add an Emergency Repair fund and a Machinery & Equipment fund to the 2026 budget for both Water budget and Sewer budget. Commission discusses going to City Council with new proposition on paying back the amount owed to City. Motion by Jason Ekern that the Water & Sewer Commission with the proposition of \$142,734.00 to be paid back over 10 years with biannual payments of \$7136.70 due January 1st and July 1st, with the first payment to be made pending approval by council. Seconded by Tom Jensen. Roll Call Vote- Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tom Jensen to approve the budget subject to auditor review and approval, second by Jason Ekern. Roll call Vote- Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion Carried

B. Truck Fund: Commission discusses adding a Machinery & Equipment fund to the Water & Sewer budget. On the Sewer side of the budget the Commission wants to budget \$50,000.00 to help pay for the body of the Water & Sewer truck the want to purchase for \$50,144.00. Commission would like to budget \$9180.00 for the Water side to help make payments for the Chassey of the truck.

Future Date for the next Meeting:

January 26, 2026 @ 6:15pm

Adjournment at 7:25PM

Abby Bautch, Deputy City Clerk