

Water & Sewer Commission Meeting

June 30, 2025

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday June 30, 2025, at the City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Tom Jensen. In attendance Tom Kloss, Richard Warner, Craig Konter, Tom Jensen, Jason Ekern, Joe Galewski, Randy "Fritz" Conrad, City Attorney Rick Schaumberg, Deputy Clerk Abby Bautch and City Clerk Dawn Smieja.

Proof of Giving Public Notice: Yes

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

Approval of Minutes –May 27, 2025: Motion by Craig Konter to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2025, meeting as presented. Second by Richard Warner. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

- A. **City Office Update:** Dawn introduced Abby Bautch as the new Deputy Clerk.
- B. **Well Pump Inspection:** Joe provided an update on needing a new pump.
- C. **Facility Plan Review with Davy Engineering:** Joe provided an updated and sent an email.
- D. **Water Pipe Survey:** 186 surveys are left from the public.
- E. **Ferric Tank and Shed:** Shed is in place and waiting for insulation. Tanks have been ordered.
- F. **Grant Application:** Dawn provided an update that we were denied.
- G. **Influent Pump:** Same as Item B.
- H. **Audit Update:** No update yet.

New Business:

- A. **Bill at 23898 Adams St:** Joe provided an update. Resident had a steady drip.

Superintendents Report

- A. **Disconnect Update:** Meter changes on a few residents. Well pump getting pulled.

Commissioners Report: None

Items for Next Agenda

- A. Independence Public High School High Ammonia/Water Bill
- B. Facility Plan Review with Davy Engineering/Ferric Tank/Shed
- C. Status update on Water Pipe Survey
- D. Disconnect Update
- E. Influent Pump
- F. Wellhouse Wall

Future Date for the next Meeting

July 28, 2025 @ 6:15pm

Closed Session: Motioned by Jason Ekern to go into closed session, seconded by Richard Warner. Roll Call Vote- Ayes- 5 Nays-0, Motioned carried at 6:36pm

Motioned by Randy Conrad to return into open session, seconded by Jason Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

Motion by Richard Warner to allow the city attorney to contact the counsel for the school district to work out a date to have Tom Jensen, Jason Ekern and the city attorney meet with the school district, seconded by Randy Conrad. Motion by Jason Ekern to amend previous motion to include Randy "Fritz" Conrad as an alternate, seconded by Craig Konter. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

Motioned by Craig Konter to allow the City Clerk to cut a check to the school district for overpayment in the amount of \$26,227.02, seconded by Richard Warner. Roll Call Vote- Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motioned Carried.

Adjournment at 8:09PM

Dawn Smieja, City Clerk