

Water & Sewer Commission Meeting

August 19, 2024

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday August 19, 2024, at the City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:16 pm by Tom Kloss. In attendance Tom Kloss, Jason Ekern, Tom Jensen, Craig Konter, Richard Warner, Linda Longmore, Mayor Baecker, Debra Marsolek via zoom, Tim from Davy Engineering, Tiffany Bautch, Joe Galewski and Julie Dascher.

Proof of Giving Public Notice Yes

Approval of Minutes –July 29,2024

Motion by Jason Ekern to approve the minutes from the July 29,2024 meeting as presented. Second by Tom Jensen. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

A. Amendment to the May 28, 2024, Minutes

Motion by Tom Jensen to strike Item D. under New Business from the posted minutes. Second by Richard Warner. All voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

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

Jason did not hear from Paul Franzwa. Randal did not check as numbers went down. Ammonia was .36 and TKN was 61.3 Tim from Davy suggested to check the BOD as the problem could be from urine because of the more efficient water usage.

B. Discussion with Possible Action on Getting Office 365 Version 2

Joe was updated to Micro Soft 365 version 2 to allow him to send QR Code for mandated surveys.

C. Discussion with Possible Action Davy Facility Plan Review.

- 1. DNR Inspection Update for WWTP** draft plans are complete and ready to be submitted to the DNR upon approval. Tim would like to send it to the DNR before having a Public Hearing. It takes 30 to 60 days and possibly 90 days. The new plan will take care of all the problems we need to get resolved. The Plan consists of a new aeration basin, selector tank, new control room, blowers, laboratory, controls, garage, new chemical feed building, headwork, pumps, package treatment system, disinfection, digester, sludge thickening and storage systems.
- 2. Double Tank wall** Tim from Davy said since we do have a plan, we may be able to hold off on the double wall tank. Tim suggested waiting to see what the DNR tells us if the tank is not leaking.

D. Discussion with possible action 2nd St. Road Maintenance.

We are still waiting to hear from the county. This will be added to next month's agenda.

E. Discussion with possible Action New Truck

A new truck was purchased but is tabled until the next meeting to discuss potential cost share.

F. Status Update of Purchase of Secondary Holding Tank

This will be added to next month's agenda.

G. Equipment/Machinery Debt. Transfer of Money

This will be added to next month's agenda.

New Business:

A. Discussion with Possible Action Water Disconnects

10 calendar day Disconnect Notices are sent out and if the bill is not paid the service will be disconnected until the payment is made in full.

B. Discussion About Possible Action Debit Sewer Loan.

This will be added to next month's agenda.

C. Status Update on Personal use of Vehicles

If an employee uses their own personal vehicle on work time and has an accident or damage to their vehicle it goes on their own personal insurance. The city will reimburse a \$500.00 deductible. If there are injuries, they would be covered under workman's comp. The city recommends using work vehicles.

Superintendents Report

The landscaping is 95% complete.

Commissioners Comments

None.

Items for Next Agenda

Old Business:

- A. Discussion with Possible Action High Ammonia at public School
- B. Discussion with Possible Action 2nd St. Road maintenance
- C. Discussion with Possible Action New Truck
- D. Discussion with Possible Action Davy Facility Plan review
- E. Status Update Equipment/Machinery Debt Transfer of Funds
- F. Discussion with possible Action Debit Sewer Loan

New Business:

Discussion With Possible Action Update Water & Sewer Ordinance Book.

Future Date for next Meeting

Monday Sept. 30, 2024, at 6:15

Adjournment at 8:22 p.m.

Julie Dascher
Deputy Clerk