

## **Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

### **July 28, 2025**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday July 28, 2025, at the City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Tom Jensen. In attendance Craig Konter, Randy "Fritz" Conrad, Richard Warner, Tom Jensen, Jason Ekern, Tom Kloss, Joe Galewski, 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 –June 30, 2025:** Motion by Craig Konter to approve the minutes from the June 30th, 2025, meeting as presented. Second by Jason Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

**Public Comments:** City Clerk Dawn provided a report from Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. Tom Kloss gave recognition to Joe Galewski.

#### **Old Business:**

- A. Facility Plan Review with Davy Engineering:** Joe has phone meeting with Tim from H&H on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to go over updates on the job analysis.
- B. Water Pipe Survey:** No change, still have 186 surveys left from the public.
- C. Ferric Tank and Shed:** Shed was insulated. Tanks are ordered and expected to arrive in the next week. Larson Plumbing and Osseo Electric coming back this week.
- D. Influent Pump:** New pump installed and working. Joe got an estimate to re-build other pump for \$3143.00, motioned by Randy Conrad to approve spending. Second by Richard Warner. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Well Pump Inspection/Repairs:** Joe provided reports on Inspection of pump along with the cost/bid. Motioned by Jason Ekern, second by Randy Conrad to except well bid for \$42805.00. Motion Carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.
- B. Water and Sewer Truck:** Joe discussed possibility of investing in a new truck with a lift for the City. Joe will be getting quotes on pricing for a new and/or a used truck for the City and will bring update to next meeting.

- C. **Weekend Schedule:** Dawn went over wording issue in the employee handbook with the section on overtime pay for weekends. Personnel Committee to approve resolution.

**Superintendents Report**

- A. **Disconnect Update:** No update  
B. **Outdoor Expo:** Joe requested to attend Outdoor Expo in Plover on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for 1 day.

**Commissioners Report:** None

**Items for Next Agenda**

- A. Commissioners Transition
- B. Independence Public High School High Ammonia/Water Bill
- C. Facility Plan Review with Davy Engineering/Ferric Tank/Shed
- D. Status update on Water Pipe Survey
- E. Disconnect Update
- F. Influent Pump
- G. Well Pump Inspection and Repairs
- H. Water and Sewer Truck
- I. Weekend Schedule
- J. Superintendent Discretionary Spending
- K. Audit Report Update

**Future Date for the next Meeting**  
**August 25, 2025 @ 6:15pm**

**Closed Session:** Motioned by Randy Conrad to go into closed session, seconded by Jason Ekern. Roll Call Vote- Ayes- 5 Nays-0, Motioned carried at 6:59pm

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

Motioned by Richard Warner to allow the City Clerk to cut a new check to the School District of Independence for overpayment if the amount of \$26,227.02 differs in the findings, seconded by Craig Konter. Roll Call Vote- Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motioned Carried.

**Adjournment** at 7:50PM

Abby Bautch, Deputy City Clerk