Water & Sewer Commission Meeting
April 29, 2024

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday April 29, 2024, at the City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm by Tom Kloss. In attendance were Richard Warner, Craig Konter, Tom Kloss, Jason Ekern, Tom Jensen, Joe Galewski, Julie Dascher and Tim Stockman from Davy Engineering.

Proof of Giving Public Notice Yes

Approval of Minutes –March 25,2024
Motion by Tom Jensen to approve the minutes from the March 25,2024 meeting as presented. Second by Jason Ekern. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

Motion by Jason Ekern to move ahead to item F and second by Craig Konter. All voting Aye.

F. Status Update with Possible Action on Davy Facility Plan.

Tim from Davy Engineering did a walk through at the plant. Tim believes they can upgrade the existing facility to a 20-year plan. Jenna from the DNR is advising at least a 20-year plan. Davy's estimated cost is:

Option 1. Chem feed and Minor fixes to last 5 to 10 years. The cost is 3 to 5 million dollars.

Option 2. Reuse the existing plant for the next 20 years. Cost 5 to 8 million dollars.

Option 3. Construct a completely new facility. The estimated cost is 10 million dollars.
Tim recommends the Clean Water Funds needs to have a plan by the end of September.

A. **Discussion with Possible Action FOG- Change Ordinance for Grease Trap.**
LaVerne Michalak looked over the ordinances. Motion by Tom Jensen for the final draft of Chapter 3 Water & Sewer ordinance to be submitted to the City Council. Second by Richard Warner. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

B. **Discussion with Possible Action Title 3 Sewer Regulations.**
This is being submitted to the City Council for approval.

C. **Discussion With Possible Action High Ammonia at Public School.**
Results of the testing from Davy: Ammonia - 35.3 and TKN -121
Results of the testing from CTL: Ammonia – 32.6 and TKN – 161
Keith at the Public School is requesting another test. Jason suggested the school pay for the testing.

D. **Status Update SEH Facility Plan.**
This will be added to next month's Agenda.

E. **Update 120 Water**
No update, still working on it. This will be added to next Month's Agenda.

G **Discussion with Possible Action Lead Service Inventory.**

This will be added to next month's Agenda.

New business:

A. **Discussion with Possible Action Water Treatment Walls**
Joe received estimates from:
Advanced Concrete at $14,680.00 and does not include landscaping.
Northwoods Unlimited at $15,561.25 with landscaping included.
And American Waterworks $23,055.77 with landscaping included.
Motion by Jason Ekern to repair wall & landscaping. Second by Richard Warner. Roll call Tom Kloss aye, Tom Jenson aye, Richard Warner aye, Craig Konter aye, Jason Ekern aye. Motion carried.

B. **Discussion with Possible Action Cross Connection Contract.**
Contract signed with Hydocorp.

C. **Discussion with Possible Action Sewer Plant Computer.**
Motion by Tom Jensen to purchase new computer for the Sewer Plant at the cost of $1,562.00 and second by Jason Ekern. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

D. **Discussion With Possible Action Water Treatment Dehumidifier.**
Motion by Richard Warner to purchase dehumidifier from Hi-e-drystore for $3,517.00 and second by Craig Konter. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

E. **Discussion with Possible Action Well 2 Generator Repair.**
Motion by Tom Jensen to have a Fabco Technician look at the Well 2 generator for $500.00 and second by Jason Ekern. All voting Aye. Motion Carried.

F. **Status Update DNR Inspection WWTP.**
This will be added on the next Month's Agenda.

Superintendent Report.
Ken passed his test.

Commissioners Comments. None

Items for Next Agenda

Old Business:

A. Discussion with Possible Action High Ammonia at Public School.
B. Update with Possible Action 120 Water.
C. Status Update with Possible Action on Davy Facility Plan.
D. Status Update with Possible Action SEH Facility Plan.
E. Discussion with Possible Action Lead Service Inventory.
F. Status Update DNR Inspection WWTP.

New Business:

A. 2nd Street Paving.
B. New Truck.

Date for Future Meeting.
Tuesday May 28,2024 at 6:15 p.m.

Adjournment at 8:48 pm.

Julie Dascher

Deputy Clerk