

Water & Sewer Commission Meeting

May 28, 2024

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Tuesday May 28, 2024, at the City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by Tom Kloss. In attendance Tom Kloss, Jason Ekern, Tom Jensen, Joe Galewski and Julie Dascher.

Proof of Giving Public Notice Yes

Approval of Minutes –April 29,2024

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

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

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

Tiffany Symicek, Tom Kloss, Joe Galewski and Tony Roch met at the public school with Paul Franzwa and Keith Pronschinske about the chemicals use for cleaning. The chemicals with ammonia are being sent to Whitehall. Jason suggested the school document S.O.P. for the different types of cleaning they are doing as that may cause the testing to be higher. Testing will be done in June and July to see if levels go down when school is not in session.

B. Discussion with Possible Action on 120 Water

Joe Galewski is meeting with them on May 29,2024.

C. Discussion with Possible Action on Davy Facility Plan

This was acted on at the special meeting held May 14, 2024.

D. Discussion with Possible Action on Lead Service Inventory

Add to next month's agenda.

E. Status Update on DNR Inspection

The ferric building is vented and has an eye wash station installed. Joe purchased an eye wash station, but Tom requested one to go in his office also as it is heated. Motion by Tom Jensen to purchase an eyewash station for \$120.00 and second by Jason Ekern. Roll vote Jason Ekern yes, Tom Jensen yes, Tom Kloss yes, Motion carried.

New Business:

A. Discussion with Possible Action 2nd St. Road Maintenance

Tom Kloss made a request to check with the City Council if they could cover the cost

of the Second St. Road maintenance due to the Sewer Plant expenses. Jason Ekern will bring this up to the Council.

B. Discussion with Possible Action New Truck

The Street Department is asking us to share the cost of the truck with the Water & Sewer Department. Jason Ekern will talk to Randy Symicek. The Commissioners suggested 25% of the cost.

C. Discussion with Possible Action Reimbursement Options from Former Facility Plan Contract.

Commissioners decided not to request reimbursement. Motion by Jason Ekern not to request reimbursement on former Facility Plan Contract and second by Tom Jensen. All voting Ayes. Motion carried.

D. Status Update of Purchase of Secondary Holding Tank

Purchased and ready to install.

E. Status Update on Davy Facility Plan, Plan B and City Sewer Plan.

This was taken care of at the special meeting on May 14, 2024.

Superintendents Report

Joe was told the handbook said they can use their personal vehicles for classes. Jason Ekern suggested Tiffany call the insurance company to check if this is ok.

Commissioners Comments None

Items for Next Agenda

Old Business:

- A. Discussion with Possible Action High Ammonia at public School
- B. Discussion with Possible Action Lead Service Inventory
- C. Discussion with Possible Action 2nd St. Road maintenance
- D. Discussion with Possible Action New Truck
- E. Status Update on purchase of Secondary Holding Tank
- F. Status Update on using personal vehicles for Classes

Future Date for next Meeting

Monday June 24, 2024 at 6:15

Adjournment at 8:05 p.m.

Julie Dascher
Deputy Clerk

