**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**October 29, 2019**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday, October 28, 2019 at City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Ben Sylla. Present were Craig Konter, Chad Miemietz, Tom Kloss, Jeff Nussbaum, Dennis Pronschinske, Mayor Baecker, Joe Galewski, Marlet Marsolek, and Kari Pedersen.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Tom Kloss to approve the minutes as presented from the August 27th meeting. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

**Ammonia Testing**

The ammonia levels at the WWTP are still coming in high but are down from where they were. They are currently testing at about 36ppm, the goal being in the mid-20’s. The Commission would like Dennis to continue testing throughout the system to try to find a possible source of the high concentrations.

**Scale Quote**

The scale from Weigh Rite has been installed and is running well.

**Sludge Hauling**

Sludge will be hauled out tomorrow; the mixers are running well.

**WWTP Update**

SEH is waiting on the Commission to make a decision regarding the FEMA study and the status of the potential phosphorus trading from RES before they can proceed. As soon as they get word, they will move forward right away.

**FEMA Flood Study**

Went over the bids that were received for completing the FEMA study. Motion by Tom Kloss and seconded by Craig Konter to accept the bid from SEH for a not to exceed amount of $18,260. Motion carried 4-0 with Craig Konter, Tom Kloss, Chad Miemietz, and Ben Sylla voting Aye on a roll vote.

N**ew Business**

**Cost of Ferric/Quantity**

Dennis reported that we are currently spending $4/gallon for ferric acid, and going through 9 gallons per day. By doing the 9 gallons, he was able to cut the phosphorus discharge greatly, but will be upping the usage to 12 gallons to see what impact that has. The Commission would like him try different dosages until a “happy medium” of ferric costs and fees to the county is found.

**Furnaces Fixed at Well #2**

The furnaces are fixed; one last week, the other one today. The Commission would like to see the invoice when it comes in to see exactly what was repaired.

**3rd/Madison to 4th/Madison**

Motion by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Tom Kloss to accept the Utility’s portion of the bid from SEH for the project replacing the water main from 3rd/Madison to 4th/Madison. Motion Carried 4-0 with Tom Kloss, Chad Miemietz, Ben Sylla, and Craig Konter voting Aye on a roll vote.

**Skid Steer Trade-in**

Eli Castleberry got a quote from Komro to trade-in the current skid steer. The trade-in program that was previously done is no longer available. Tom Kloss was able to contact the salesman and work out some details to better the quote. Motion by Craig Konter and seconded by Tom Kloss to accept the quote $3200 from Komro Sale for a high-flow hydraulic machine, comparable to our current machine, with the dealer swapping our parts. Motion carried 4-0 with Chad Miemietz, Ben Sylla, Craig Konter, and Tom Kloss voting Aye on a roll vote.

**Training**

Joe has review for his upcoming tests tomorrow in Chippewa Falls, Eli went for his review last week.

Joe and Eli will both be taking tests on November 6th.

**Revenues & Expenses**

General Discussion

**Superintendent’s Report**

Joe is doing really well, asking questions and learning the system.

Hydrants are flushed.

They have started turning valves and everything is going well.

**Date & Items for Next Month’s Meeting**

Monday, November 18 @ 6:15pm

* WWTP/FEMA Update
* Ammonia Testing
* RES
* Sludge Hauling
* Ferric Report – 12/gallons
* Furnace invoice
* Training
* Superintendent Report

**Commissioner’s Comments**

Discussion was led by Mayor Baecker about the potential new residential developments and the impact they would have on the WWTP.

Motion was made by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Craig Konter for adjournment. Motion Carried at 7:31pm.

Kari Pedersen

Deputy City Clerk