**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**November 28, 2022**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday, November 28, 2022 at City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by Tom Kloss. In attendance were Craig Konter, Tom Kloss, Tom Jensen, Jason Ekern, Lenice Pronschinske and Joe Galewski.

**Public Notice was given.**

**Approval of Minutes October 24, 2022**

Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Craig Konter to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

No one was present for public comments

**Old Business:**

**SEH Discussion on the WWTP facility plan public hearing.**

Ask SEH to be present at the next meting with a list of steps that need to be taken and cost upfront for the public hearing.

**Update on blacktopping**

Blacktopping has been finished and looks good. A Street had a tipped valve, but that has been fixed.

**Chemical Pumps Pricing**

We are ready to go with the replacement of the chemical pumps as soon as the pumps are picked out. Hawkin’s price was $2009.54 plus labor to install. USA Blue Books’ price on the pumps is $1539.95 per pump. Reeds wants to price out. Bring this back next month.

**Valve Replacement Kits**

Not finding any replacement kits, we will have to take one apart and order part by part.

**New Business:**

**Vacant Commissioner Seat**

The option of three possible people for the vacant commissioner seat was discussed. Richard Warner is interested in the position. The commission was in agreement that Jason contact Mayor Baecker and have it put on the Council agenda for approval.

**Meeting Compensation**

The current meeting pay is $100.00 per meeting for the commissioner and $75.00 per meeting. Discussion was help on the possibility of raising this and will be brought back next month.

**Utility Truck Repair**

Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Tom Jensen to replace the lift gate on the utility truck. The cost is $4,780.00 and will be done at Universal Trucking. Motion carried with Tom Kloss, Tom Jensen, and Jason Ekern voting aye. Craig Konter abstained from voting.

**Discussion on Installing Water/sewer Service**

Inquiries have been made on what it would take to connect to city water and sewer for the lots currently owned by Paul Halverson off of Osseo Road. The clerk will contact Jeff at SEH and have him contact Tom Kloss to do a walk through of the property and discuss what will need to be done. Put back on next month’s agenda.

**Sewer Main Repairs**

The clerk will contact Deb in Blair to see who they had line their sewers. Also check on liners for manholes. Put on next month’s agenda.

**Schooling/Testing**

Joe passed a wastewater test and has 2 left to take. Jason will talk to Ken about getting some testing done.

**Superintendent’s Report**

* Joe asked the board why they have to hang disconnect notices of they aren’t doing any disconnects. The Clerk was advised to change the wording on the notices and if someone wants to do a payment plan, they will need to sign an agreement and if not paid, they will be disconnected.

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

Monday, December 19th @ 6:15

SEH – Planning Public Hearing

Chemical Pumps

Meeting Compensation

Installing Water/Service

Sewer Main Liners/Manhole Repairs

Income and Expense Report

**Commissioner’s Comments**

No Comments.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Lenice Pronschinske

City Clerk