**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**December 30, 2019**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday, December 30, 2019 at City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:17pm by Ben Sylla. Present were Chad Miemietz, Tom Kloss, Jason Ekern, Mayor Baecker, Joe Galewski, Marlet Marsolek, and Kari Pedersen.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Tom Kloss to approve the minutes as presented from the November 18th meeting. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

**Ammonia Testing**

Results were low all through November and the most part of December. Last week there was a high hit but it is back down again. The Commission would like the guys to continue to monitor and if they get high to put the portable samplers back out.

**Ferric Acid Quantity/Cost & Results**

12 gallons/day are currently being used, bringing our phosphorus levels to .47. They will continue to use this quantity and monitor the levels.

**Madison Street – Sanitary Sewer Replacement**

The memo and bid proposal from SEH were gone over for the potential Madison Street sanitary sewer replacement. The Commission would like to see the sanitary sewer get replaced at the same time the street is open for the already approved watermain replacement.

Motion by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Tom Kloss to approve the addition of sanitary sewer to the scope for $910. Motion Carried.

**WWTP Updates**

We are still wait for responses from the residents that live within the 500’ buffer. It was decided to have a pubic meeting on Tuesday, January 7th to allow for those residents to ask any questions and express any concerns. Kari will make sure that someone from SEH is able to attend.

**FEMA Flood Plain Survey**

The Commission spoke with Jerry Doriott via speaker phone to go over the results of the FEMA Flood study including possible options for the future building plans.

Jerry will go over the results of the 500’ resident survey once more get returned and will start doing inquiries with the DNR to find out how much resident approval is needed in order to be granted a variance.

**RES Water Quality Trading Program Contract**

Tabled to next meeting.

**Sewers Repaired**

R&R Waste put a sleeve on/filled the cracks on the damaged pipe on Silver Dr, the repair went well.

N**ew Business**

**Closed Session per Section 19.85.85(1)(c) Wis. Statutes to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation date of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.**

Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Chad Miemietz to enter Closed Session. Motion Carried at 7:08 with Jason Ekern, Tom Kloss, Chad Miemietz, and Ben Sylla voting Aye on a roll vote.

**Return to Open Session**

Motion by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Jason Ekern to return to open session. Motion carried at 7:11pm.

**Possible Action from Closed Session Items**

No Action.

**City Issued Cell Phone**

Discussion was had on what to do with the cell phone that has been issued to Dennis when Dennis retires. The Commission would like the physical phone to be left at City Hall but the phone number forwarded to Joe’s cell phone.

**Meters at Well Tested**

The flow meters at Wells 2 & 3 were tested and calibrated.

**Ammonia Testing at Bushy’s**

A portable sampler was placed outside of Bushy’s processing plant during deer hunting season and everything tested within reasonable limits.

**Training**

Joe has 2 tests on February 6th

Joe will be attending a Core & Main sponsored training in Chippewa Falls on January 9th.

**Superintendent’s Report**

HydroCorp was here testing for Cross Connection-everything was good.

**Date for 2020 Budget Meeting**

Tuesday, January 14th @ 6:15pm

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

Monday, January 27th @ 6:15pm

* WWTP/FEMA Update
  + Survey Results
* RES Contract Review
* Training
* Super Report
* Madison St Project

**Commissioner’s Comments**

None

Motion was made by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Tom Kloss for adjournment. Motion Carried at 7:27pm

Kari Pedersen

Deputy City Clerk