**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**March 25, 2019**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday, March 25, 2019 at City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:16pm by Ben Sylla. Present were Dave Galewski, Tom Kloss, Chad Miemietz, Craig Konter, Mayor Baecker, Dennis Pronschinske, and Kari Pedersen.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Craig Konter and seconded by Chad Miemietz to approve the minutes from February 25th with changes made to show that Mayor Baecker was not in attendance and the sewer rate will be increasing by $70/year instead of per month that was recorded. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

**SEH Update – Water Filter**

Energenecs will be on site to work on programming the backwashing on Tuesday. Chad Miemietz, Eli and Joe will be working with them.

**SEH Update – WWTP Projects**

Went over the memo from SEH. There haven’t been any new/major updates.

**Ammonia Testing**

Tests were done downtown and sent out to the lab. Results aren’t back yet.

**New Employee Status/Update**

Joe Galewski was hired and started today, Dennis said that things were starting off well. Tom encouraged Dennis to flood Joe with as much information as he can so he knows what type of questions to ask. Ben would like Dennis to show Joe where all of the manuals, maps, and as-builts are to help with understanding the plants and record keeping.

**Madison Street/Utility Work**

Discussion was held on whether or not the Commission would like to replace the main on Madison street with the street work gets done. The commission agrees that it needs to be done but would like the street department to consider waiting another year so the utility can build funds up.

**Furnaces—Heaters**

**1. Wastewater Plant Chemical Room**

**2. Well #2 Chemical Room**

Both have been repaired and are fully functioning.

**New Business**

**Meter Reading Equipment**

Jeff from Core & Main was here to update the meter reading gun/handheld and the software. A new handheld will be needed in 2020 as ours will become obsolete and if it would break, we wouldn’t be able to fix it.

While Jeff was here, Dennis had him look at Dave Kuka’s meter. The meter itself and the radio read aren’t reading the same number. Dennis has disconnected and reconnected the radio read with no success. Jeff suggests possibly changing out the meter to see if that’s the problem.

**Revenues & Expenses**

General Discussion

**Training**

The Rural Water Conference is in La Crosse this week. Dennis will be going 2 days and Jim will be going 2 days.

**Superintendent’s Report**

There was a frozen water service at Bob Runkel’s house. Dennis used Whitehall’s thawing machine to get it opened up.

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

Monday, April 29, 2019 @ 6:15

* SEH Updates - Water Filter & WWTP Projects
* Ammonia Testing
* Meter Reading Quote
* Hydrant Repair/Install
* Report on RW Conference
* Oium & Concrete for Upper Ash
* Superintendent Report
* Revenues & Expenses

**Commissioner’s Comments**

None.

Motion to adjourn by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Tom Kloss. Motion Carried at 7:01pm

Kari Pedersen

Deputy City Clerk