**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**March 28, 2022**

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

**Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2022**

Motion by Tom Kloss and seconded by Jason Ekern to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**SEH Updates – Facility Plan Update**

Katie Jo said that they are waiting on DNR updates. Right now, they are estimating the construction cost at 7.7 million. She stated that the next step would be a public hearing with a 2-3 month waiting period from the DNR. The Commission would like to see a design plan and get some financing options before we move forward

**New Business:**

**RES Payment Approval**

The RES Project has been completed. They will come back and do some reseeding and a little more planting. Motion by Tom Jenson and seconded by Tom Kloss to approve the 2 pay-requests from RES in the amount of $104,400.00. Motion carried with Craig Konter, Tom Kloss, Tom Jensen, Chad Miemietz and Jason Ekern voting aye.

**NIC-Back-up**

Chad Miemietz has been in contact with TJ’s Excavating, they are interested in doing the project but need a little better description. He will be contacting a couple more contractors.

**Customer Water Usage/Adjustments**

* The high-water bill issue from last month has been resolved, customer found the problem.
* SSPP School had a broken line and asked for an adjustment, they have already used their one-time adjustment so the board agreed there would not be another given.
* Patti Kulig – asked some questions about the CCR report and asked for a follow-up report. We will work on getting a link to the DNR water quality report on the city web-site.
* Frog Town Service – Motion by Tom Jenson and seconded Tom Kloss to put a plug in the sewer line with a total cost not to exceed $2000.00. Motion carried. Ask Mayor Baecker if he would talk to the City Attorney about this matter beforehand.

**Sewer Pipe Condition**

Joe Galewski obtained pricing from VISU-Sewer in the amount of $31,531.20 for lining the sewer pipes on Franklin Street and Upper Washington Street. Motion by Craig Konter and seconded by Tom Kloss to present this to the City Council for consideration of using ARPA funding for this project. Motion carried.

**Valve Replacement**

TJ’s Excavating is interested in replacing these valves, they would work this in as their schedule would allow. Erickson Excavating is also interested in this project.

**Digestor Cleaning**

Joe Galewski asked about cleaning the digestor, the board agreed that this is maintenance and to get some bids and a time table. This will go back on next month’s agenda.

**Year-to-Date Revenue and Expense Report**

The report was looked at, nothing stood out. Lenice will make a couple changes on the formatting.

**Superintendent’s Report**

* DNR Inspection Report – The DNR was here on March 23rd for the annual water supply inspection. They are now requiring a report on the public and private side of each service which includes material type, where it enters the building and if there are any cross connections. Chad will reach out to Jeff at SEH to see if they can furnish any information.

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

April 25, 2022

 SEH Updates

 NIC Backup – Contractor Contact

 Customer Water Usage Issue

 Sewer Pipe Repair

 Valve Replacement

 Digestor Cleaning

 DNR Paperwork

 Revenue and Expense Reports

**Adjournment**

Motion by Tom Kloss and seconded by Jason Ekern for adjournment. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Lenice Pronschinske

City Clerk