**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**April 27, 2020**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday, April 27, 2020 at City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:18pm by Ben Sylla. In attendance were Chad Miemietz, Jason Ekern, Eli Castleberry, Joe Galewski, Kirstie Heidenreich, and Kari Pedersen.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Jason Ekern to approve the minutes as presented from the February 27th meeting. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

**Phosphorus Trading**

**a. Potential Future Project(s) Discussion**

Discussion was held with Kirstie Heidenreich from Trempealeau County’s Department of Land Management about what program that county offers that would help the City obtain phosphorus trading credits. If we chose to go this route, we wouldn’t be able to have the work done in 2020 but land owner contact and contracts could be made for work to be done in 2021.

**b. RES Cost Breakdown & bonding information discussion**

The proposed contract is for $1.3 million- the breakdown of these charges was briefly gone over. RES sent an email that indicated they would be willing to offer a 12%-15% reduction and there are grants available for up to $100,000.

A third company was contacted for a quote/bid but one was not submitted. Discussion was held comparing the two options.

The Commission would like this item on the May agenda for discussion and possible action.

**Madison Street Project - Update**

Work will begin on this project in August.

**WWTP Update/Maintenance Report**

SEH wasn’t able to come on site yet due to COVID-19 restrictions. This will hopefully get done in the near future.

**DNR Non-Compliance -- Copper**

Testing results are showing high levels of copper at the WWTP, the same problem we had a few years ago. Joe will be adjusting the pH and continue to monitor it.

**Ammonia Update**

High amounts of ammonia have been coming into the plant. Joe put a portable tester out and was able to narrow down where it is coming from. Joe contact Kay with Rural Water to get her assistance. The Commission would like Joe to have a conversation with Bushy’s Meat Market about the types of cleaner they are using and possibly depositing into the wastewater system.

**Screener Update/Tank Cleaning**

The brushes and screens have been replaced. The auger needs to be replaced, Larry from Energenecs is coming to help install/repair it.

N**ew Business**

**Hydro Corp Cross Connection Renewal**

Motion by Tom Kloss and seconded by Jason Ekern to approve the 2-year, $7488 Cross-Connection Contract with HydroCorp. Motion Carried 5-0 on a roll vote with Craig Konter, Chad Miemietz, Tom Kloss, Jason Ekern, and Ben Sylla all voting Aye.

**SEH Water & Wastewater Engineering Contract**

Motion by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Tom Kloss to approve the 2-year SEH not to exceed $20,000 contact. Motion Carried.

**WIDNR Sanitary Survey Report**

Went over the annual WI DNR report from Brian Pietz. Everything is running very well with very few minor discrepancies that have all been corrected.

**Training**

Tests and classes have been cancelled because of CV-19.

Joe and Eli will be taking a Lab Training with Kay from Rural Water being held via Zoom on 5/15.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Nothing to Report.

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

Tuesday, May 26th at 6:15pm – Date changed due to Memorial Day

* Phos trading/Action
* Ammonia Update
* Screen Update/Tank Cleaning

**Commissioner’s Comments**

Ben would like Jason Ekern to make sure that the looping of the Maple Street water main is pursued as a change order during the Markham Hillside Addition project.

Motion was made by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Craig Konter for adjournment. Motion Carried at 7:30pm.

Kari Pedersen

Deputy City Clerk