**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**April 29, 2019**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday, April 29, 2019 at City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:18pm by Ben Sylla. Present were Dave Galewski, , Chad Miemietz, Craig Konter, Mayor Baecker, Jason Ekern, Dennis Pronschinske, Marlet Marsolek, and Kari Pedersen.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Craig Konter to approve the minutes as presented from the March 25, 2019 meeting. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

**SEH Update – Water Filter**

Chad Miemietz reported that Tom Robarge from Energenecs was on site to get the backwash optimization programmed in. Currently we are waiting on SEH to come back to wrap up the project. The commission would like Kari to email Jeff and John with SEH to set up a time to have John Thom come to finish up.

**SEH Update – WWTP Projects**

No updates

**Ammonia Testing**

Went over the results from the Ammonia testing and it was determined that the high levels of ammonia are coming from 1 of 4 possible locations, and was further narrowed down to be coming from Bushy’s Meat Market’s lower location on Adams Street. Kay with Rural Water has been in contact to come have a meeting with the Utility and Randy Symicek to come up with a plan to lessen the ammonia impact at the plant. The commission would like Kari to follow up with Kay and try to get a meeting set up for some time in May.

**New Employee Status/Update**

Joe is doing really well catching onto things in the department. He will be taking 2 tests this Wednesday.

**Madison Street/Utility Work**

The potential project was looked at by TJ’s and Erickson Excavating. Currently there is some 6” water main and some 8”, the commission would like this switched to all 8” should they go forward with the project. The first bid came in varying from $25,179 to $28,254 depending on the type of pipe being used. The commission would like to keep their portion of the project between $15,000-$20,000 if the Street Department decides to proceed.

**Hydrant Repair**

There are currently 2 hydrants that need to be installed, one near Jenny Bautch’s residence, the other on lower 4th Street near John Slaby’s. Dennis is working with Core and Main to have these installed at the same time that nearby municipalities have theirs installed to keep costs down.

**Meter/Radio Installs**

There are 11 radios left to be installed and all that can be switched over will be completed.

**Meter Reading Equipment**

A quote for $5900 was received from Core & Main to replace our current meter reading equipment when it becomes obsolete at the beginning of 2020. The commission would like to keep this in mind when preparing the 2020 budget.

**New Business**

**Reservoir Cleaning Quotes**

Dennis presented two quotes to get the reservoir cleaned.

Water Tower Clean and Coat: $2800

Cahoy Group: $126,276

Motion by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Craig Konter to approve the quote from Water Tower Clean and Coat. Motion Carried.

Kari will send the signed quote back to Water Tower Clean and Coat and get the work scheduled. During the cleaning, the City will be without fire protection. Communication will be made with the Indee Fire Chief and Trempealeau County dispatch.

**Report on Rural Water Conference**

Dennis gave a report on the sessions that he sat in on at the conference.

**Training**

Joe and Eli are taking tests on Wednesday, May 1st.

**Revenues and Expenses**

General Discussion

**Superintendent’s Report**

Sludge hauling will be going on later this week. Slaby Septic will be hauling out to Waldera’s again.

Hydrants will be flushed next week, May 6-9 from 8p-3a.

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

Tuesday, May 28 @ 6:15

* SEH Updates - Water Filter & WWTP Projects
* Ammonia Testing
* Madison Street Project
* Hydrant Repair/Install Update
* Reservoir Cleaning Update
* Training
* Superintendent Report
* Revenues & Expenses

**Commissioner’s Comments**

The Fire Department would like copies of the map books (water). Dennis will get them to Steve by Friday.

Dennis is to continue for another month on his 3-day work week plan.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Galewski and seconded by Chad Miemietz. Motion Carried at 7:04pm

Kari Pedersen

Deputy City Clerk