**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**June 29, 2020**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday, June 29, 2020 at City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Ben Sylla. In attendance were Chad Miemietz, Jason Ekern, Tom Kloss, Craig Konter, Eli Castleberry, Joe Galewski, Dave Schofield, and Kari Pedersen.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Jason Ekern to approve the minutes as presented from the 5/26 & 6/9 meetings. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

**SEH Updates**

No updates.

**Change Order #1 – Maple Street Watermain**

Motion by Tom Kloss and seconded by Chad Miemietz to approve Change Order #1 from Gerke excavating in the amount of $2683.20 and Change Order #2 from Erickson Excavating in the amount of $3612.20. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll vote with Jason Ekern, Tom Kloss, Craig Konter, Chad Miemietz, and Ben Sylla voting Aye.

Erickson Excavating & Gerke are planning to do this project the week of July 22nd or 27th, they will be coordinating with each other to line up their schedules.

Erickson plans to start the Madison Street project toward the end of the month, the pre-construction meeting will be on July 7th.

Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Tom Kloss to move Item F up in the agenda. Motion Carried.

**Screener Update/Tank Cleaning**

They are waiting for results to come back from the grit sample that was sent out before they can move forward. They will get the project scheduled as soon as they get them; should be 2-3 weeks.

**RES Project Update**

Kevin Reilly has been assigned the project manager. Went over the memo from Kevin; they are working on the design and are hoping to have 30% design plans and a draft WQT plan submitted by August 3rd.

**Grease Control Update**

Joe and Eli have been doing visits to businesses to view their grease trap cleaning records.

Taco Sofy-There was a large language barrier that made the visit difficult. Set-up a meeting with a translator.

Coffee Pot-Draft a letter requesting documentation and photos of the grease trap along with inspection logs be submitted to City Hall within 2 weeks. 2 weeks after that, Joe and Eli will do a physical inspection of the trap.

East End-it was cleaned out shortly after the guys’ visit.

JoJo’s-Done Monthly. Proof provided.

SSPP- Done but needs replacement. They will start working on that and will create a clean-out schedule.

IHS-Done by Slaby Septic. Due to the size of it, it shouldn’t need to be done more than once or twice a year.

Bushy’s-They don’t have a grease trap. They will get some information form SEH & Rural Water to see if they need to install one.

**Ammonia Update**

High readings are still coming in-in the 30s for June. The Commission would like them to gather readings with grease samples and look into this further after those results are back to see if there is a correlation between the two.

**NIC Sewer Backup**

A letter was received from Northern Investment about a sewer backup issue they are having at their business.

Eli is trying to coordinate a time to meet with Lindberg Plumbing and Mike Warner to televise and measure where the dip in the line is. Ben would like them to try to use R&R so it can be recorded and maybe plan a less invasive fix.

N**ew Business**

**Sealed Bid Opening/Chevy Truck Sale**

Bid 1. James Smieja - $1457.00

Bid 2. Donny Hagen - $655.00

Tom would like to see this truck put on the WI Surplus Auction website.

The bids will be tabled & Eli will list it on the website for 1 month with a minimum bid of $2800.00.

**Chemical Pump Purchase**

They are having trouble with the chlorine pump at the Well. Joe should contact Hawkins to see what options they have.

**Training**

* The guys did some rescue training using the 4-gas meters.
* New LED flashing lights were installed on the truck for better visibility.
* There is a Cross Connection Control class coming up being offered online, $50/each

**Superintendent’s Report**

Gerke hit the old water main on the Luethi property so all service to the house is turned off. It would be fixed before we close on the house (July 17th).

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

July 27 @ 6:15

* SEH Update
* RES Update
* Ammonia/Grease update
* Tank cleaning
* Chemical Pump
* NIC Sewer Backup

**Commissioner’s Comments**

None

Motion was made by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Craig Konter for adjournment. Motion Carried at 7:22pm.

Kari Pedersen

Deputy City Clerk