**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**June 9, 2020**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met in special session on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:16pm by Ben Sylla. Present were Chad Miemietz, Tom Kloss, Jason Ekern, Eli Castleberry, Joe Galewski, Mayor Baecker, Erin Delawalla, and Kari Pedersen.

Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Tom Kloss to move agenda items 7&8 to the top of the agenda. Motion carried.

**Well Inspection Report/Overflow Repairs**

The repairs must be completed by September. They will be using a plastic pipe instead of a cast pipe; there shouldn’t be an issue repairing this soon.

**Tank Cleaning Inspection/Repairs**

Was scheduled to take place on 6/17 but they now need to get the grit sampled before it can be removed and land applied. Holmen pumping will help truck & dispose of once we the testing done and cleared to move forward. It was predicted that the results would be back in approximately 6 weeks, Eli will keep moving the project forward as quickly as possible.

**Discussion on Potential Future Phosphorus Trading Project**

The City owned land located 4-Seasons Park is good land to do a project on; however, it doesn’t offer high trade credits and another project site would need to be done as well. The bid from Trempealeau County was gone over and compared to the bid from RES.

**Closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(e) WI statutes for the purpose of deliberating and/or negotiating the purchase of public property, the investing public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.**

Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Chad Miemietz to enter into Closed Session. Motion carried 4-0 with Tom Kloss, Chad Miemietz, Ben Sylla and Jason Ekern voting aye on a roll vote at 6:28pm.

**Return to Open Session**

Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Chad Miemietz to return to open session. Motion carried at 6:43pm.

**Potential Action from Closed Session Items – RES/Trempealeau County Contract**

Motion by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Jason Ekern to recommend to the City Council to approve the proposed RES Contact in the amount of $869,000. Within 30 days, RES needs to propose an amendable contract to include the 4-seasons project for a projected total cost of $1,000,000. Motion carried 4-0 with Chad Miemietz, Ben Sylla, Jason Ekern, and Tom Kloss voting aye.

RES doesn’t believe they can do it within 30 days, would like 60-90. The Commission reiterated that there is a 30-day deadline.

Motion made by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Tom Kloss to adjourn. Motion Carried at 6:51pm.

Kari Pedersen

Deputy City Clerk