**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**July 29, 2019**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday, July 29, 2019 at City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Ben Sylla. Present were Tom Kloss, Craig Konter, Chad Miemietz, Jason Ekern, Dennis Pronschinske, Mayor Baecker, Marlet Marsolek, and Kari Pedersen.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Tom Kloss and seconded by Chad Miemietz to approve the minutes as presented from the June 25th meeting. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

**SEH Update – Water Filter**

The report from SEH was gone over. Dennis reported that they are having been having some issues with the backwash running automatically, alarms didn’t go off and a lot of water was used. Until the replacement actuator comes, they have the automation bypassed and are running the backwash manually. The commission would like Dennis to notify Energenecs of the no-alarm failure, this should be picked up on the SCADA.

**SEH Update – WWTP Projects**

The report from SEH was gone over. After discussion on the lack of information being provided to the Commission by SEH, the proposal from July 2018 was referenced and the Commission would like a letter sent to SEH requesting an updated schedule for completion as well as requesting their presence at the August Commission meeting.

The Commission would like Dennis to contact Hawkins to get ferric acid incorporated into our treatment process.

**Ammonia Testing**

The sample that we in-house tested at -0- was also sent to NCL, they got a reading of 44. Dennis talked to Mark from NCL, Mark claims we need more testing materials than we currently have in order to test for ammonia with our current meter. Kay from RW advised otherwise. The Commission would like Kari to email Kay from RW to verify what she said it was that we needed as well as email Mark to find out exactly what he thinks we need.

**New Business**

**Washington Street Sewer Backups**

A letter was submitted by Mike Warner stating that his business, Southern Exposure, has had 5-6 sewer back-ups in the last 5 or so years. Mike states that the back-ups shortly after the road project was completed. The commission would like Mike to locate as many invoices & dates of service as he can. When those are turned into the City, Kari will send them to Duane with SEH and we will go from there.

**Water Filter Malfunctions**

This was talked about under Old Business, SEH Update – Water Filter.

**Air Dryer Warranty**

The air dryer went out. Dennis looked into it, it is under warranty and will be fixed.

**Phosphorus Testing**

This hasn’t been completed yet. The Commission would like Dennis to let Hawkins & John Thom know that this needs to move faster and needs to be completed by September 1st.

**Air Valve/Lubrication**

The Quincey dryer installer has never heard of air valve lubrication. When the dryer is running how it should, there shouldn’t be moisture, now that it is repaired, the problem may fix itself.

**Training**

Eli and Joe are going for tests on August 7th.

**Revenues and Expenses**

Sewer: Revenue $179,815.50

Expenses $127,714.80

Water: Revenue $191,759.25

Expenses $99,690.11

**Superintendent’s Report**

Dennis and Joe are planning to install the hydrants this week, notice has been given to affected residents.

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

Tuesday, August 27 @ 6:15

* SEH Updates - Water Filter & WWTP Projects
* Ammonia Testing
* Water Filter Actuator
* Washington Street Back-ups
* Phosphorus Report Update
* Hawkins ferric acid
* Air Valve/Lubrication
* Training
* Superintendent Report

**Commissioner’s Comments**

None

Motion was made by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Jason Ekern for adjournment. Motion Carried at 7:25pm.

Kari Pedersen

Deputy City Clerk