**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**July 27, 2020**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday, July 27, 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, Mayor Baecker, Marlet Marsolek, and Kari Pedersen. Erin Delawalla was also present via Zoom.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Chad Miemietz and seconded by Craig Konter to approve the minutes as presented from the 6/29 meetings. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

**SEH Updates**

Went over the report provided by Dave Schofield with SEH. Markham Hillside addition is continuing on, approximately 50% of the sanitary sewer and watermain are complete. Maple Street will be looped in tomorrow. The dry hydrant and Madison Street should be starting at the end of the week, or beginning of next week.

**RES Project Update**

Staff was on site at the Bruce Valley Project 7/14-7/21 doing studies. They are expecting to be 30% done on 8/3, SEH will file our intent to do Water Quality with the DNR.

**RES Project Addition Discussion/Approval – Trempealeau River Addition**

Went over the proposal from RES for the addition of 4-Seasons Park bank improvements to the existing Bruce Valley Water Quality trading contract. Design isn’t complete but the tentative plan is pretty close to the “real thing”. After much discussion about doing Water Quality projects vs building a new building for a much higher price tag, a motion was made by Tom Kloss and seconded by Jason Ekern to add the 4-Season Bank Improvement Project for a cost of $350,000. Motion carried 5-0 with Ekern, Konter, Kloss, Miemietz, and Sylla voting Aye.

**Grease Control Update**

Coffee Pot Café – Nothing was turned in by the 7/24 deadline. The Commission would like Kari to schedule a meeting on August 12th and 10:00am to meet at the Coffee Pot to inspect the grease trap and operation maintenance records. If this doesn’t happen, a fine of $500 will be enforced, in compliance with City Ordinances.

Taco Sofy – Nothing has been turned in. The Commission would like Kari to set a meeting with their staff and an interpreter for August 12th at 11:30am.

Bushy’s-There isn’t a grease trap at either location. The Commission would like Kari to set up a meeting with their staff on Friday, August 14th at 10:00am to go over their issues & options.

**Ammonia Update**

Steady high readings at the influent and at random grabs including a 66 at 3rd Street. Continue to check locations up-system from 3rd Street to try to narrow that location down.

**Screener Update/Tank Cleaning**

A new sample was sent to the lab, the first one failed. The first one had too much liquid, Eli is confident this one won’t fail for that reason.

**NIC Sewer Backup**

Luke from R&R televised the sewer main; everything is fine.

Lindberg televised from NIC out to the main, there is a dip in the line approximately 4’ from the main. SEH will sending As-Builts over to see exactly how far out into the road the lateral meets the main.

The Commission would like Kari to email Mike with NIC to see if they would open to the idea of an ejection/grinder pit being installed into their basement would be an acceptable solution.

**Chemical Pump Purchase**

A new chemical meter pump ranges from $700-$1400. The guys need helping sizing the meter to be sure they get the appropriate one; the Commission gave approval for them to go with Core & Main for the advice and purchase of the new pump.

**Truck Sale Update**

Tabled – Hasn’t been listed online yet.

N**ew Business**

**Training**

Jim has classes tomorrow.

**Revenues & Expenses**

Nothing to Report

**Superintendent’s Report**

* New Valve was put in at Maple Street, they put in a new hydrant while they were digging.
* Tom is turning gate valves, not all are turning-should start budgeting to replace them.

**Date for Audit Report/Joint City Council Meeting**

August 6th at 6:00pm in the Opera House

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

* August 31 at 6:15
  + SEH Update
  + RES Update
  + Grease Meeting Findings
  + Ammonia
  + Screener Update
  + NIC Response
  + Truck Sale

**Commissioner’s Comments**

None

Motion was made by Tom Kloss and seconded by Craig Konter for adjournment. Motion Carried at 7:45pm.

Kari Pedersen

Deputy City Clerk