**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting March 27, 2023**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday, March 27, 2023 at the City Hall,

23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Tom Kloss. In attendance were Jason Ekern, Joe Galewski, Tom Jensen, Craig Konter, Richard Warner, Tom Kloss, Katie Jo SEH, Jeff Nusbaum SEH and Julie Dascher.

**Proof of Giving Public Notice**

Public notice was given.

**Commissioners in attendance**

**Approval of minutes – February 27, 2023**

Motion by Tom Jensen to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Jason Ekern. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Old Business:**

1. **SEH-WWTP Facility Plan**

Jeff Nusbaum said the last part of planning needs to be submitted. Council would need to decide which plan to be selected before a public hearing. Talked about getting a plan and visiting a facility. Need to look at the estimates to see what impact it will have on the city.

Katie Jo stated the hold up was in 2018 when the tanks needed to be cleaned out & reused. This was held off until 2022. Grant loans were $750,000.00 and now up to 2 million dollars. Need to submit a facility plan to the DNR by Sept. 30, 2024 for Fall of 2027 is when new plant would be brought up. Tom Kloss stated the City Council needs to be updated about this before a public hearing should be scheduled.

1. **Sewer Main Liners / Manhole repairs**

Joe Galewski has three estimates from VISU at $29,770.50, Flo-Liner at $144,865.00 and Steve’s Plumbing at $228,267.00

Single manhole cost $5,500,00 - $215.00 per vertical feet. Joe will try to work on manhole. Motion by Richard Warner to go with the low bid. Second by Tom Jensen.

Tom Kloss, Jason Ekern, Tom Jensen, Richard Warner and Craig Konter all voting Aye.

Motion carried.

1. **Meeting Compensation**

Jason Ekern suggested it be put on the April Agenda.

**New Business:**

1. **Digester DO Probes**

The DO Prob is not working and needs to be replaced. Joe Galewski has 2 estimates

$6,284.30 from Endress Hauser with a 3-year warranty and $6,917.87 from Hach Optical with a 1-year warranty.

Motion to go with low bid by Jason Ekern and second by Richard Warner.

Tom Kloss, Tom Jensen, Jason Ekern Richard Warner and Craig Konter all voting Aye.

Motion carried.

1. **Biological Treatment**

Joe Galewski said that Hawkins has a new super bug and has supplied him with a free 3 month supply to try. Joe said so far it is working very well. The Current cost is $20,404.00 per year and the cost would be $11,311.00 per year with this new product.

1. **Vehicle Fund Set-up**

Put on next month agenda

1. **Schooling / Test Update**

Joe Galewski has a test scheduled for April 19th and he will be attending a Water Conference April 5-7th. Ken Olson will get scheduled for a test before next meeting.

1. **Superintendent’s Report**

Nothing.

1. **Date for Future Meetings**

April 24,2023 at 6:15 pm

Meeting with Davy Engineering – To be determined

1. **Items for Next Month’s Meeting**

Sewer Main Liners / Manhole Repairs

Meeting Compensation

Vehicle Fund Set-up

Biological Treatment

Election of Officers

1. **Commissioner’s Comments**

Tom Kloss needs time to think about taking the position and will know by next meeting. Talked about if a City Administrator would be needed.

**Adjournment**

Tom Kloss adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Julie Dascher

Deputy Clerk