

## **Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

### **January 28, 2025**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Tuesday January 28, 2025, at the City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Tom Kloss. In attendance Tom Kloss, Tom Jensen, Richard Warner and Tiffany Bautch. Joe Galewski and Craig Konter arrived at 6:08pm.

**Proof of Giving Public Notice** Yes

**Approval of Agenda:** Motioned by Tom Jensen and Seconded by Jason Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

**Approval of Minutes –January 2, 2025 and January 20, 2025-** Motion by Tom Jensen to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2025 and January 20, 2025 meeting as presented. Second by Jason Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

**Public Comments:** None

#### **Old Business:**

- A. Discussion with Possible Action High Ammonia at the Public School.** Discussion was had regarding the issues that continue to occur with the high ammonia levels. Motion by Richard Warner and Seconded by Tom Jensen to contact the City Attorney office to type a letter to send to the school. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discussion with Possible Action Davy Facility Plan Review.** No further discussion was had at this time.
- C. Discussion with Possible Action Review of Sewer Rates Increases.** Motion by Jensen and seconded by Warner to approve the Sewer Rates presented. Reevaluation in April-May 2025 to amend if warranted. Motion carried unanimously by a roll vote to approve.
- D. Discussion with Possible Action of Request for Water Rate Increase.** Motion by Jensen and seconded by Ekern to approve the Water Rates presented. Reevaluation in April-May 2025 to amend and request water rate increase to PSC if warranted. Motion carried unanimously by a roll vote to approve.
- E. Status Update of Water Pipe Survey.** Joe and Kenny are finishing the letters and will be ready to mail out within the next week.
- F. Discussion with Possible Action of Wayne Street.** No update to comment.

**New Business:**

- A. 2025 Water & Sewer Budget Review with Possible Action.** Motion by Jensen and seconded by Konter to approve the Water & Sewer Budget presented. Reevaluation in April-May 2025 to amend the budget if warranted. Motion carried unanimously by a roll vote to approve.
- B. Discussion with Possible Action Grant Application.** Discussion was had regarding grant opportunity to help fund the process of a potential sewer plant merger with the City of Whitehall and other municipalities. Motion by Jensen and seconded by Ekern to approve move forward with the grant application process. Motion carried unanimously.

**Superintendents Report**

- A. Disconnect Update:** Disconnect notifications were sent out.
- B. Jetter Status** Jetter is listed on Municipal Online Auction. Waiting for Auction to Close.

**Commissioners Comments:** None to Comment

**Items for Next Agenda****Old Business:**

- A.** Discussion with Possible Action High Ammonia at Public School
- B.** Discussion with Possible Action on Facility Plan Review with Davy Engineering
- C.** Discussion with Possible Action Sewer Rate Increase
- D.** Discussion with Possible Action of Request for Water Rate Increase
- E.** Update on Water Pipe Survey
- F.** Discussion with Possible Action Wayne Street Curb
- G.** Discussion with Possible Action Ferric Tank and Shed

**Future Date for next Meeting**

- A.** Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:15pm

**Adjournment** at 8:46pm

Tiffany Bautch, City Clerk