

Water & Sewer Commission Meeting September 30, 2024

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday September 30, 2024, at the City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Tom Kloss. In attendance Tom Kloss, Jason Ekern, Craig Konter, Richard Warner, Joe Galewski and Julie Dascher.

Proof of Giving Public Notice Yes

Approval of Minutes –Aug. 19, 2024,

Motion by Richard Warner to approve the minutes from the Aug. 19, 2024 meeting as presented. Second by Jason Ekern. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

A. Discussion with Possible Action High Ammonia at the Public School

Joe tested at the school on Sept. 10, 2024. The test results were 136 ammonia and 185 TKI. Jason Ekern suggested contacting Paul Franzwa to find a way to open the traps so a camera can be used to find out if the problem is in the pipes. Tom Kloss suggested Joe do a printout of all the testing to date. The council will contact City Attorney LaVerne Michalek about the wording of a letter of infraction and a bill with some good faith forgiveness to have a plan to solve the problem. A copy of the sewer ordinance section 3-3-8 enclosed. Motion by Richard Warner to send a bill for infraction with an appropriate amendment. Second by Jason Ekern. All voting Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Discussion with Possible Action Davy Facility Plan Review.

Tim from Davy Engineering said they are waiting on the DNR response.

C. Discussion with possible action 2nd St. Road Maintenance.

The city has not received a bill currently. This will be added to the next agenda.

D. Discussion with possible Action New Truck

Motion by Craig Konter to cost share 30% for the new truck. Second by Jason Ekern. Roll call Richard Warner Aye, Tom Kloss Aye, Jason Ekern Aye and Craig Konter Aye. Motion Carried.

E. Discussion with Possible Action Debit Sewer Loan

This has been paid.

F. Equipment/Machinery Debt. Transfer of Money

Transfer of Funds go into the City General Funds.

New Business:

- A. **Discussion with Possible Action Water Update Water & Sewer Ordinance Book**
Work in progress.
- B. **Discussion With Possible Action Ferric Pump.**
Stenner Pump has been fixed numerous times and parts keep breaking. Cost of new pump \$2120.00 Motion by Craig Konter to purchase a new pump. Second by Richard Warner. Roll Call. Jason Ekern Aye, Tom Kloss Aye, Richard Warner Aye and Craig Konter. Motion Carried.
- C. **Discussion With Possible Action Chemical Transfer System at Well 2**
The current Transfer System is worn out and leaking. New pumps and PVC pipes are needed. Motion to purchase a new Transfer System not to exceed \$7000.00 by Jason Ekern. Second by Craig Konter. Roll call Richard Warner Aye, Tom Kloss Aye, Jason Ekern Aye, Craig Konter Aye, Motion Carried.

Superintendents Report

Joe, Ken and Eli are all 100% certified.

Commissioners Comments

None.

Items for Next Agenda**Old Business:**

- A. Discussion with Possible Action High Ammonia at public School
- B. Discussion with Possible Action 2nd St. Road maintenance
- C. Discussion with Possible Action Davy Facility Plan review

New Business:

- A. Discussion With Possible Action Water & Sewer Rate Increase.
- B. Status update on Water Pipe Survey.

Future Date for next Meeting

Monday Oct. 28, 2024, at 6:15

Adjournment at 7:40 p.m.

Julie Dascher
Deputy Clerk