

Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2012

Approved

Call to Order @ 5:30 pm by Peter Brandt, Utility Commission President

Roll Call. Brandt, Campfield, Eno, and Krueger.

Krueger/Campfield approval of minutes – All ayes. Carried

Public Comment (5 minute limit, no action to be taken, items not on agenda)

Roger Campfield inquired about any insurance claims filed due to the water main break in the alley behind City Hall last month. Collins stated he was not aware of any claims being filed.

Discussion regarding the proposed ATC power line by Council member, Jim Garvin. Garvin showed the proposed line going through the park area and Lincoln Street. It was decided that the Utility Commission would recommend that the Council have Administrator Steward draft a letter to ATC opposing the power line going through the park and that it should go along the I94 corridor. This will be discussed at next council meeting. Eno/Campfield to direct Administrator to proceed with letter to ATC, with Council's approval.

Discussion regarding the wastewater compliance maintenance annual report. The overall GPA for the treatment facility was 3.79. Areas of improvement will be addressed in the Capital Improvement Plan. No further action taken.

Discussion regarding sewer lateral on Spring Street. The sewer lateral has been an issue for a number of years. The two homeowners affected have verbally agreed to share costs with the City, however were not aware of the project costs at the time. Bids were received by Kendall Trucking \$4500 and Marell Inc \$4400. Campfield and Collins discussed issues with digging in the area of Leatherberry/Rittenhouse home. Collins pretty sure lateral does not run under that home. Collins to contact Raese and Dunn regarding cost sharing. Krueger/Campfield to accept Marell bid of \$4400, to have Collins contact homeowners regarding cost, and proceed with next step. Roll call. Eno-yes, Brandt-yes, Krueger-yes, Campfield-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion regarding Well #4 update. Collins informed commission that sewer and water has been installed to site. Has been pressure tested and passed test. Footers should have been poured today. Gas service should be installed next week. Final completion anticipated in October.

Discussion regarding Inflow and Infiltration issues with weak sewers on Western Ave, Pfaff St, and by plant. The culvert on Western Avenue has collapsed and will need to be repaired along with the sewer. Lower end of Western Avenue is worst in town. Collins to have more info at next meeting. Estimated costs \$30,000-\$50,000.

Discussion regarding power line related tree issues. Rinderer presented information on quotes for tree trimming services from Wright Tree Service and Asplund Tree Service. After much discussion it was decided that Rinderer would contact Hall Tree Service and Travis Henze for additional quotes. More information to be presented at next months meeting.

Consideration of Dairyland Power Invoice Dispute Settlement Agreement. Rinderer presented current settlement agreement stating that the amount waived by Dairyland will be \$65,798.19. Eno/Campfield to accept/consent to the reversal settlement and agree to the amount owed by City of Elroy to be \$55,195.68 to be paid in monthly installments of \$2299.82 over the next 24 months. Roll call. Eno-yes, Brandt-yes, Krueger-yes, Campfield-yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Eno/Krueger to move forward with amendments regarding contract notification requirements. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Electric Superintendent Report-Rinderer reported that Grant Worthington is up for a wage increase per his apprentice pay schedule effective July 18th. Rinderer reported that Worthington is doing great and more than expected.

Rinderer also reported that he will be starting two projects for antiquated underground primary cable.

Sewer/Water Superintendent Report-Collins reported that he found a lower masonry bid for work at the powerhouse. Work to be done by Bolden's out of Ontario with sizeable savings.

Water/Sewer employees still doing work for the pool, however, expected to be no more than 300 labor hours. Collins still tracking hours and believes that an adjustment may be made at the end of the year.

Approval of bills for payment. Eno/Campfield to approve bills including additional invoice for Vierbicher. Roll call. Eno – yes, Krueger – yes, Brandt – yes, Campfield – yes. All ayes. Carried.

Commission communications – Krueger informed Commission that three people have sent in letters of interest for the vacancy on the Utility Commission. They are Ed Brown, Ed Mendum, and Joe Madden. This will be discussed at next months council meeting.

Campfield/Eno to adjourn at 7:10 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Carole Brown
Utility Clerk/Deputy Treasurer