

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2015

Approved

Call to Order @ 5:30 pm by Joe Madden, Utility Commission President

Roll Call: Eno, Lange, Lindemann, Madden and Campfield; and Mark Steward, Dave Lind, Mark Saemisch, Mark Stanek, Jim Garvin, and Jim Kleinschmidt – Baxter & Woodman.

Lange/Campfield motion to approve minutes from last meeting. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

None

Electric Superintendent Report:

Rinderer provided written report in packet.

Water Report:

Lind provided written report in packet.

Lind reported on curb stop replacement and exercising of valves

He has been out flushing hydrants

Trying to keep up with the pool

Sewer Report:

Saemisch provided written report in packet.

Saemisch reported on plant

Lift station on Pfaff had frost heave and will get bids to place concrete below to balance

Pouring area at dump station for vac truck at disposal plant to decant and dewater. Estimate will come for next months meeting

Gear box coming from Smith and Lovelace – all under warranty

Working on CMAR then CMOM

Doing River Clean-Up as well

Jim Kleinschmidt in attendance to talk about WPDES and pre-treatment plant study proposal.

We are in the process of setting up a Baraboo River Dischargers group to try and establish a site specific limit and share in cost of study and data gathering.

Multi-Discharger Variance

Economic variance and City qualifies for it but have to pay penalty if we pursue.

Saemisch said an inoxic zone would help reduce phosphorus levels

Kleinschmidt is proposing bio-P for our plant – something for down the road to decide – bio-P or chemical.

Potentially qualify for individual variance

We meet certain requirements

Variance has to be submitted by March 2017

No update on Contested Case as of yet.

File for one of the two variances in 2017

Campfield asked about chemical treatment to reduce phosphorus

Kleinschmidt said there is cerium used now, but recommends bio-P w/cerium

Bio-P generates less sludge than the ferric acid solution and should be the least expensive approach

Kleinschmidt – proposal to evaluate use of pre-treatment facility

Study to determine optimal use of facility

See hand out/proposal

Internal rate of return analysis will be conducted.

Saemisch – need to know what we are getting. Current tank is making money. Can expand with current tank, and do not have to use the old tanks. H suggests spending money on inflow/infiltration from storms because it takes up capacity at the plant.

Campfield says it is a good idea to have the information and the cost is pretty minimal for professional services.

Campfield/Lindemann motion to approve proposal. All ayes. Carried.

Electric Superintendent position:

Campfield suggested we get a fee for service estimate and interest level from Oakdale Electric, Vernon Electric or Alliant Energy and develop an agreement.

Discussion on contracting out.

Discussion on selling

Talk to Dairyland Power about this.

Try to keep generation separate from distribution

Stress keeping Jonathon somehow

Steward will call Ron Franz of Dairyland Power

Steward will meet with Jonathon Brock

Discussion on Asplundh contract:

Steward presented

Discussion on tree cutting

Lange/Lindemann motion to approve Asplundh proposal. All ayes. Carried.

Budget 2015

Steward reported on year to date budget. Sewer is a little high on their budget to date due to the clarifier project. Water is high due to the water main project wrapping up. Electric is right on the numbers.

Budget 2016

Steward reported that the budget process has begun and will report preliminary budget to the Commission in September.

Eno/Lange motion to pay bills. All ayes. Carried.

Commission to meet either August 5, 6, 7 to review resumes and go over information Steward will gather from other entities.

Eno/Campfield motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator / Utility Manager