

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2014

Approved

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

Roll Call. Campfield, Eno, Krueger, and Madden. Lange absent. Also Steward, Rinderer and Collins.

Eno/Campfield motion to approve minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment: None

Electric Superintendent Report:

His report was written and in the packet.

Steward commented that three of our industrial companies are looking at expansion and need or just received upgrades to their electric system

Water and Sewer Superintendent – Collins report:

Collins presented on fluoride treatment and the grant from DOA/DPH/Dental Dental for \$7200 for fluoride treatment equipment. It will offset the costs of this equipment. We do not have to pay this grant back unless we stop using fluoride in the next five years. Consensus to pursue and accept the grant to offset already incurred costs.

Frozen Lateral Discussion

- First freeze up / thaw is at our expense per life of property owner at that address. So we must keep track of those we thaw
- Collins talked with the PSC about the thawing rules but found there was some inconsistency depending on the person you talk to. Collins said the PSC recommended a mailing, door hangers, and phone calls as the appropriate way to notify the customers to run water.
- 113,000 gallons more per day than the average is the increase in water usage having everyone run their water. Which equates to approximately 500 gallons per day per household.

Equipment for the grit system at the WWTP is on order and in route. The guys are testing and treating for phosphorus.

City Administrator Report

Discussion on refinancing Sewer Debt.

Steward presented refinancing options and taking extra money for projects. Steward and Collins presented the projects needed at the WWTP or which the funds will be used. It will be less than \$150,000 in improvements.

Option to treat for phosphorus is to set up an irrigation system on a tree farm and set it up as a groundwater discharge and harvest the trees every 20 years. This way will not have to meet the phosphorus limit, but have to meet nitrate limits. This might save money. We will continue to investigate.

Eno/Campfield motion to approve the bills. All ayes. Carried.

Krueger asked Rinderer about oil changes of the equipment and Rinderer stated it is changed at least once per year.

Commission Communication:

Well #4 out of commission starting Monday February 24 until the TV'ing and other work is done.

12 lateral freeze ups so far to thaw.

Madden suggested that Steward go talk to Brunner about potential upcoming projects.

Eno/Krueger motion to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator