

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2015

Approved

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

Roll Call: Eno, Lange, Lindemann, Madden; and Carole Brown, Dave Lind, Craig Rinderer, Mark Saemisch, Jim Garvin, Rob Uphoff – MSA. Campfield absent.

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

Public Comment:

None

Electric Superintendent Report:

Rinderer provided written report in packet.

Discussion regarding 203 Franklin Street and non-utility related items brought to the attention of Rinderer. Rinderer talked with the residents as a customer service thing. Residents told Rinderer the issues had been brought to the City in the past, however still having issues. Lindemann will bring it to the attention of the Council.

Water Report:

Lind provided written report in packet.

Jim, new guy, took a couple tests.

Commons open and running. Park bathrooms and camping sites have water on. Lind is working on the pool. They helped street department with the hole on Elroy St.

Sewer Report:

Saemisch provided written report in packet.

Recent rain contributed to I&I issues and new seed brought on issues with the BOD testing. Mark has made DNR aware of issues and is working to get resolution.

Received quotes from EP and XYLEM for lift station pump moisture protection. Have had issues with EP in the past. XYLEM gave a quote on annual maintenance as well.

City Administrator Report:

Steward provided written report.

Discussion regarding nominations for MEUW director. Rinderer stated he doesn't have time at present and feels the current folks in place are doing good however maybe in the future someone from Elroy would be interested.

Discussion regarding sewer rate increase. Eno/Lindemann motion to recommend to Council a 10% sewer rate increase. All ayes. Carried.

Rob Uphoff from MSA presented preliminary numbers for Academy Street water and sewer project. He gave option of lining the sewer and replacing the sewer. The numbers also included 33% of curb and roadway work allocated to sewer, water, and general. This can be reallocated as we see fit. There is possibility of receiving principal forgiveness from Safe Drinking Water Fund and Clean Drinking Water Fund. Steward will meet with Jim Mann/Ehlers regarding finances. Garvin stated may have to push project back to 2016. Saemisch wondered if other sewer projects could be combined with this project.

Included in packet was audit presentation financial information.

Discussion regarding day meetings. Lange would not be able to attend.

Bills:

Eno/Lange motion to approve bills as presented. All ayes. Carried.

Commission Communication:

Discussion regarding Badger Environmental damaging electric service at 203 Western Ave. Badger was invoiced \$3300.00 for repairs and have submitted it to their insurance company. Steward spoke with Acuity insurance and they requested more detailed information, which Steward provided.

Information in packet from Public Service Commission considering the methods used by water utilities in allocating public fire protection costs.

Eno/Lindemann motion to adjourn @ 6:20 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Carole Brown
Utility Clerk