

## Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2014

*Approved*

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

Roll Call. Lange, Eno, Krueger, Madden and Campfield. Also Carole Brown, Bill Collins, Craig Rinderer and Jim Garvin.

Eno/Krueger motion to approve minutes of April 15, 2014 meeting. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment: None

Campfield/Krueger to move old delinquent utility bills to the general ledger uncollectable account.

Electric Superintendent Report – Rinderer report:

His report was written and in the packet.

Wayne Preuss, County Rd O, had a weakened tree on his private property that threatened his home and the powerline. City crew could not reach it so Asplundh was hired. Preuss will be billed. While Asplundh was in the area with 70' bucket they took care of other trees in the City. Rinderer stated it was in the budget and at a fair price so he and Mark Steward pulled the trigger and had the opportunity while Asplundh was in town. No comments from Commission members.

Jim Garvin commented that the City has approximately 60 trees that have been identified to be cut in the next few years. Several have utility issues. Garvin would like to see a team approach with the Utility Personnel and Street Personnel to work together to tackle some of the issues. Mark Steward will be prioritizing the list of trees and will meet with both departments. Garvin stated that since the City is aware of the tree issues they need to be addressed by the City. This will be a topic for the next few months per Garvin.

Rinderer stated that there is renewed meetings and interest in the ATC powerline debate. No decision has been made yet. The PSC is covering all bases. The new line would allow us to purchase electric from more vendors than previous. There is an economic advantage with ATC line, more reliability and will drive cost down.

Water and Sewer Superintendent – Collins report:

Sewer refinance is completed which allows for \$150,000 in sewer projects. The clarifier needs to be rebuilt this summer with an approximate cost of \$80,000. Lab upgrades should be done by end of June so we can stop sending UV labs to outside sources. Manhole rehab to be started once school is out. The sandpiper pumps will be rebuilt in the next couple weeks.

There is a pre-construction meeting at City Hall on May 27<sup>th</sup> for the CDBG Public Facilities project.

Landscaping finished for the properties that had winter freeze ups.

The Catholic Church had a sewer main/lateral issue. It was originally thought to be at the Witmer residence however once contractor and Bill got digging and discovered where the leak was it was from the Church. However due to the age, it was not determined if it was a main or lateral since there are no records from 60 years ago. Cost was absorbed by the Utility.

Lengthy discussion on Phosphorus issue and costs associated with it. Campfield/Krueger to approve contract with Baxter Woodman for Biological Phosphorus Removal Study. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Commission Communication: Discussion regarding upcoming information regarding Act 274 Landlord-Tenant Delinquent Utility Bill Legislation. Until more info is available we will continue business as usual.

Eno/Kreuger motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. All ayes. Carried.

Carole Brown  
Utility Clerk