

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

June 16, 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, Craig Rinderer, Mark Saemisch, Mark Stanek, Jim Garvin, Tessa Klipstein, Joe Huber, Mark Pfof and Jim Mann – Ehlers.

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

Public Comment:

None

Electric Superintendent Report:

Rinderer provided written report in packet.

They are busy working on CTH O project. Upgrades to store room and they need an extra heater.

Water Report:

Lind provided written report in packet.

Getting pool up and ready and running.

Usemc came to the booster station because valves not shutting off completely

Sewer Report:

Saemisch provided written report in packet.

Raise and lowering ditch to work on clarifier cause biological changes

Clarifier should last another 30 years

Need new relay wiring. Also need mini-cass units

Sewer issues on 3rd Street – once a week using vac truck to create flow

TV'd Academy Street

Long term plan for 3rd Street

Need it dug up and replaced – about 300 feet or so.

MSA is researching and designing and will get back to us.

Discussion on Pre-Treatment Plant

Steward presented PERS report and costs

Campfield asked about Kendall bringing their waste to us.

Steward said it is a possibility it may come here, but the Elroy UC will have a say

Need an oxidation ditch to handle phosphorus

Campfield in favor of exploring the repairs to the pre-treatment plant as is Lindemann

Water System Revenue Bond Discussion

Jim Mann of Ehlers presented

Stretch existing debt 2 years and stretch new debt of \$270k 2 years further, so new bond payment structure would go out to 2031.

Lindemann wants to maintain money in our accounts and not always borrowing.

Garvin asked about Academy Street project and other funding

Risk is if refunding goes away and not able to get safe drinking water loan

Sewer and water piece will be known in October / November and Street funding on Thursday of this week

May have to raise rates if we get both refunding and safe drinking water loan. And we are set to do a simplified rate case this year.

Don't want to go against general obligation debt, so intend to do a utility revenue bond.

Campfield asked Jim Mann and Steward's recommendations

Jim Mann said we are better off just looking at refunding now with good rates.

Steward agreed

Lindemann/Eno motion to refinance existing debt and not go with extra \$270k. All ayes. Carried.

City Administrator Report:

Sewer rates go in effect June 22

Academy Street on hold until we find out this fall about safe drinking water loan and clean water fund.

Academy Street (Hwy 80/82) work will take place in 2019.

Bills:

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

Commission Communication:

None

Eno/Lindemann motion to adjourn @ 6:15 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator / Utility Manager