

UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING

January 17, 2012

APPROVED

Utility Commission President Mark Stanek called meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Members present: Campfield, Eno, Brandt, Krueger and Stanek.

Members absent: None

Others present: Mark Steward City Administrator, Bill Collins Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Craig Rinderer Electric Superintendent, Sharon Knuth, Mayor, Jim Garvin, Alderperson, Dorothy Helgerson, Alderperson, Jill Mendum.

Campfield/Eno to approve minutes. Carried.

Public Comment: None

Discussion on the DNR Sanitary Survey for the wastewater treatment plant. Collins spoke on the survey and it was part of the packet. Collins mentioned we are looking at a cross connection control ordinance as recommended by the DNR. Also, we are looking to do a table top exercise for the Emergency Operation Plan.

Discussion on the Aerator Drive repair, and approval of the quote. The drive is currently 30 years old and needs to be swapped out and rebuilt. Collins received two quotes, one from Ovivo to rebuild the Hansen gearbox for \$19,231 and from Crane Engineering to rebuild the Hansen transmission gear reducer for \$3,850. Eno/Campfield to approve Crane Engineering's quote at \$3,850. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on the premature failure of water lateral connections at the main. Collins explained the recent failures of certain saddles and specific collars. He said they are rusting because this generation of metal was not properly coded to resist rust. The staff have replaced 2 in the last 30 days and 5 in the last 16 years. These are Smith Blain collars.

Update on the Powerhouse Flood Proofing Project. Steward explained the process and selection of the engineering firm and their next steps for the project. Steward explained that Vierbicher out of Reedsburg was selected to engineer the floodproofing of the powerhouse.

Brandt/Krueger to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85 (1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility. To discuss an employee contract. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

Campfield/Krueger to reconvene into open session. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on the Electrical Line Worker Apprentice Contract. Eno/Brandt motion to keep up with the current contract included the wage scale as outlined in the contract. Roll call. Ayes – 4, Nays – 1 (Krueger). Carried.

Brandt/Krueger to approve bills for payment. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Commission Communications: Brunner is proposing an expansion at the Hilltop Precision plant. In order to provide adequate power to Brunner and the other major industries, Rinderer has proposed an alternate feed to create a loop. This could be a large project so we may consider contracting it out. There will be more discussion to follow as we find out more about the project.

Rinderer mentioned that the Utility Commission may need a special session to discuss the agreement with the wind farm in a couple of weeks.

Campfield/Krueger to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mark Steward
City Administrator*