

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016

Approved

Call to Order @ 5:00 pm by Madden, Utility Commission President

Roll Call: Lange, Lindemann, Madden and Eno. Also Kuester, Lind, Saemisch and C. Brown.

Lindemann/Lange motion to approve minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

None

Election of President

Campfield nominates Joe Madden, second by Lange.

Eno/Campfield motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Madden. All ayes. Carried.

Election of Secretary

Lindemann nominates Campfield, second by Eno

Madden motion to cast a unanimous ballot of Campfield. All ayes. Carried.

Appointment of Utility Clerk

Lindemann/Lange motion to appoint Carole Brown as Utility Clerk. All ayes. Carried.

Electric Superintendent Report:

E3 started on the decorative lights last week Thursday. Should be finishing up this week on the decorative lights. Saturday Gray Electric had the bank out. Dual voltage transformer there they changed out on Saturday. It went smoothly. Hoses to be fixed on Fairbanks generator by the end of the month as well as the pump – change out. Took down some more trees, and trimming trees around powerlines.

Water Report:

Everything going well. Working on curb stops but weather is hampering them. New service for Locken on Weger Road was taken care of in August. Need to get black dirt in there to finish the project. Trying to get in and do water meters. Exercising valves and painting them. Plan on flushing hydrants next week. MidAmerican Pool not coming until the spring. Want us to put hydraulic cement in there and wait for them in the Spring. Have to clean out the pool from flood and muddy water.

Wastewater Report:

BOD's and TSS have been good on the testing and we have staying within our parameters. Pumped 500,000 gallons into the river during the flooding, and we did not violate. VisuSewer came in and lined Academy and through floodplain by Cally Nelson. They did have a mishap in one line. Grit pump diaphragms went bad so have to replace. Lift station issues in the park – control unit needed to be replace. Went from floats to a transducer. Warning light weren't working. Leak detected on lift station on the north end. Seal needs to be replaced, but a back-up pump will be used. S. Brooklyn lift station concrete pad will be set by Saemisch and Elliot Clark. Pulling the UV out and starting fall oil changes.

Steward presented the Sewer Fund Rate Increase Proposal. Received it today from the Auditor. Steward asked the Commission to review material and we will take action on it next month and then forward on to the Council for final action.

Admin Report:

Steward presented the Electric Budget. Kuester presented on newer vehicles over the next few years. Next year a pick-up truck and a bucket truck in 2018.

Steward presented the Sewer Budget. Minimum on the projects to catch up and rebuild funds. Maybe some work at the pre-treatment plant. Saemisch is looking into other revenue sources and he is looking at aeration.

Steward presented on the Water Budget. Planned projects include Academy Street and a new pick-up truck.

Steward mentioned that Spooner went with AEP on a Solar Array project. Maybe revisit it in a year and talk to Spooner to see how it is going.

Bills:

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

Commission Communications

None

Campfield/Eno motion to adjourn at 5:40 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
Utility Manager