

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2013

Approved

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

Roll Call. Campfield, Eno, Krueger, Lange and Madden. Also Steward, Collins, Rinderer, and Jim Garvin.

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

Public Comment: Jim Garvin spoke on behalf of the Common Council and CDA. He informed the Commission that the Common Council agreed to two items: 1. Personnel – Joe Ambort retired and he will not be replaced. Summer help will be hired to do mowing, and a part time person will be hired to help with snowplowing in the winter. Further down the road or in emergent situations to use Dave, Mark or Jonathon to help plow as they all have CDL's. The City is counting on this cooperation with the Utilities. 2. Tree Cutting – an inventory was completed earlier in the year and the report identifies 30+ trees per year to be taken down. The trees are in the right-of-way, and could be City General or Electric Utility, and the City needs to address these. Streets will solicit the help of Craig and Jonathon and possibly the Bucket truck. This project needs to be budgeted for in the City budget and from the Electric Utility budget.

Four of the five in the utilities have CDL's, only Collins does not. Madden – it is good to try and keep score and if it isn't working then correct. Campfield – need to do research to see how it will function, especially if the plowing is at night. What is the logistics? Collins – suggests hiring someone part time who is reliable to fill the need as opposed to relying on the Utilities because of their needs and time to do it. Rinderer – thinks it is a good idea to try it.

Election of President:

Eno/Krueger nominate Joe Madden and motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. All ayes. Carried.

Election of Secretary:

Krueger/ nominate Roger Campfield and Eno/Lange motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. All ayes. Carried.

Appointment of Utility Clerk:

Krueger/Campfield to appoint Carole Brown to position of Utility Clerk. All ayes. Carried.

Electric Superintendent Report:

Rinderer's report was not finalized as he had his computer crash. Steward provided Rinderer's performance appraisal to the Commission for their review. Rinderer encouraged the Commission members to review the document, digest it, ask Steward some questions and then come together again to discuss it. Krueger asked Rinderer if he is okay if we wait until after the budget to discuss the performance evaluation. Rinderer is fine with him to fit into the Commission schedule. He will be flexible with the schedule of this review. He would like the Commission to ask questions of Steward or Rinderer when questions arise.

Sewer and Water Superintendent Report:

Collins has one issue to discuss. Collins passed out page 32 of the investigation of Well #4. The report identifies: the well had excessive microbial growth in the casing region, which was causing corrosion of steel components in the well; excessive microbial growth was caused by the presence of organic carbon in water pumped from the aquifer; microbes can obtain phosphorus from steel by causing corrosion; water quality issues in Well #4 may be caused by poor water quality entering the well through a fractured region at the bottom of the well or along the PreCambrian interface; once rehabilitated Well #4 should be chemically cleaned to remove

biofilm and microorganisms in the casing region, borehole and nearby aquifer; City should consider chlorinating the recycle water to 1 mg/L with a small chlorine tablet erosion feeder.

Collins also handed out the MSA sewer usage survey. He reviewed the report.

Lange had to depart the meeting.

City Administrator Report:

Steward presented on the Wisconsin River Dischargers Group. Steward and Collins attended a meeting in Portage last week of dischargers in the Wisconsin River Watershed. The Group is looking to organize formally and hire a consultant to evaluate the Wisconsin River TMDL for its accuracy and methodology.

Madden/Krueger motion to maintain an interest in this organization and support them in their endeavor with the DNR. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on 2014 Budgets:

Steward presented on the Utility Budgets.

Discussion on bills.

Krueger/Campfield to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Carried. Madden abstained on 027218

Eno/Lange motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator