

Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

06.14.2022

Approved

Call to Order: 5:00 PM by Mendum

Roll Call: Campfield, Lindemann, Mendum, Stanek Absent: Lange Other: Brown, Lind, Skowronski, Sparling, Tim Hamburg, Rob Uphoff

Campfield/Stanek Approval of Minutes. All Ayes.

Public Comment: None

Recognition of Ed Mendum for many years of service to the City of Elroy.

Discussion on Tom Johnson requesting reimbursement for electric bill invoiced by Gray Electric.

Lindemann/Stanek motion to deny payment request by Tom Johnson. All Ayes

Water/Wastewater Report- Lind presented report. Heavy rain caused issue with sanitary manhole. Had to use vac truck to try to alleviate. Also attempted to jet area. Marell had to come assist. Flowrite jetted from Elroy Street back to Main Street. We will bill the work to Woleske. Woleske is aware of the future bill. Pool is running up and running currently. Baby pool and splash pad will need more work. Hydrant flushing is complete. Still working on a viable solution for Zinc issue from industrial waste. Covanta is working on a quote for us. Covanta did get samples to better gauge what would need to occur. Todd Dempsey at Brunner's made Dave aware of some mechanical issues at their pretreat plant, issues have been looked at and taken care of. The DNR is aware of the zinc issue with the industrial customer. Dave is continuing to pull samples from Brunner's manhole. City of Elroy wells were tested for PFAS and both tests came back as undetectable for PFAS. We may have to test again in future, but great news.

Discussion on water quality on 2<sup>nd</sup> Main for Tim Hamburg (at dead end of water line). Discussion on costs City will incur to explore the next curb stop to properly map. Hamburg brought up water quality issues and hydrant locations. Discussion on the possible need for filtration system, even on high side. Further discussion on what the work to hook to high side will entail and who will incur costs. City will explore curb stop closest to Hamburg's home to determine status of service (low or high) if high side City will connect to service. Once connected service from curb stop to home will be the responsibility of property owner to maintain.

Lindemann/Stanek motion to approve water connection on 2<sup>nd</sup> main street for Tim Hamburg with Marell doing the work as described and City of Elroy incurring costs. All Ayes.

Royall School Project/Addition discussion. Royall Schools contacted Dave Lind for maps of area for addition. Maps were provided previously. School call and had a spur of the moment meeting in which they discussed dead ending the main that runs through the parking lot. Dave is concerned about dead ending the main would cause water quality issues. Dave does not think it is the best option to dead end. School would like to bring fire protection in from the west end and water service from the east. Dave did let the school know that dead ending the service would mean that if water is off, we can not run water from the other side of the loop. This would mean that the school could be without water during maintenance of mains etc. Dave also discussed at the meeting that the cost of the project would be the school's cost to incur. Discussion on Crandon Street and status. Richards Bria is looking to see if/when street was vacated and if there is an easement.

Discussion on the need for a loop. Discussion about fire testing hydrant on west side. Discussion on getting data on what is best for all parties. Evaluate impact on system. If flow reduction what are options. Discussion on service size on Academy, Thompson, Kimball, PP and Merrill. Discussion on additional options for looping. Discussion on if a loop could be run from Academy Street straight to Royall Avenue to make a loop that would disturb less area. Further testing and discussion would need to happen to evaluate impact to water system.

Discussion on CMAR.

Stanek/Lindemann motion to approve resolution 1139UC. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Discussion on work hours policy 5.01- Tabling until budget time. Policy will remain the same until reviewed for budget purposes.

Update on Zinc. Removal of Zinc could cost .70 a gallon. Discussion on system and capacity of digester. Discussion on not adding to sludge. Conversation on what to do with current waste in digester. May need to clean oxidation ditch. Discussion on costs. Ordinance changes may need to occur in the future to add more clarity. City Attorney was contacted.

Electric Report- Zieles came down to look at trees in Downtown Alley Project. Dave Krause staked 3 phase for Downtown Alley Project. Will go out for bid. Ackerman will go out for bid as single phase. Shawn asked Dave Krause to send email when it goes out for bid. Digger Truck had leak, Utility Sales and Service has fixed. Yard lights will be installed at park hopefully before the fair. Will be going to Richland Center for safety. Brunner is now on hold for secondary metering. Brunner is looking into Solar. School needs to let us know what they need for a transformer by September at the latest.

Discussion on Ford F550's and options for truck chasey of 2022. Utility Sales and Service believes they have a 2022 chasey available. Original quote was 45,000.00 available chasey will be 48,000.00- 50,000.00 as it is an XLT. No guarantee, but hopeful.

Discussion on Zieles tree cutting proposal.

Campfield/Staneck motion to make recommendation to council for approval of quote from Zieles for 11,000.00. All Ayes.

Discussion on generating and the impacts from MISO. Further discussion on quotes on fuel prices.

Admin Report- Report included in packet. Discussion on substation grant. Rob from MSA gave history of the grant application and informed commission that FEMA wants a copy of final plans, permits, etc. by June 24, 2022 which we do not have. Wisconsin Emergency Management-Robin will work for us to get planning worked through so that we can get planning in place and get through this. If we can not get planning in place or project, they will pay for any work done up to this point. We cannot substantiate any damages. Many communities are in the same place.

Campfield/Staneck motion to approve bills. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Commission Communication: Dave was able to secure a sampler through grant.

Campfield/Staneck motion 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 governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility to discuss water/wastewater position and wage. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Campfield/Staneck motion to reconvene into open session.

Campfield/Lindemann motion to offer Shawn Thompson position as wastewater/water operator for City of Elroy starting at \$22.00 an hour with incremental raises with progression toward certification-\$1.00 an hour increases for each certification-standard practice. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Lindemann/Staneck motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

Geena Skowronski  
Utility Clerk