

Utility Commission Meeting Minutes  
8.9.2022  
Approved

Call to Order: 5:03 PM by Lange

Roll Call: Lange, Lindemann, Stanek, Retzlaff Absent: Campfield Other: Brown, Lind, Kuester, Skowronski, Sparling

Stanek/Lindemann Approval of minutes as presented. All Ayes.

Public Comment: None

Discussion on Ehlers Financial Proposal- This would be a financial plan/forecast. Scope of services included in packet. Cost of proposal was included in 2022 budget.

Lindemann/Stanek approval of Ehlers financial plan proposal. All Ayes.

Water/Wastewater Report- Lind presented report. Water reports good. Thompson is now on weekend rotation. Exercising main water valves. Have been using vac truck to clean out some areas. Private well letters have gone out.

Discussion on Covanta Solution Proposal- Brunner has given alternate option for mixing in with manure tank. Tank is 16 million gallons. To approve any of this plan Brunner would have to meet requirements from DNR. Lind sent samples from digester to see what zinc levels look there. May need to send formal letter to move forward. Discussion on additional option for removal of zinc from wastewater. Once sludge leaves our facility, we would need to ensure responsibility/ownership transfers to Brunner. Discussion on further quotes for removal tabled.

Discussion on Royall School District water main. Water quality could be impacted. City would dead end at valve at each end. Would become a private lateral.

Lindemann/Stanek motion to abandon the water line main between Academy Street and Royall Street on Crandon Street passing through the Royall School District property. All Ayes.

Electric Report- Kuester presented report. Discussion raises and on current wages and wages in New Lisbon. New standard for dielectric test. Will borrow truck from New Lisbon if needed. The test is a requirement for the bucket truck. We will take truck to save trip charge. Went to New Lisbon to change out transformer at school. Will take down large tree near Bardo. School will go with 120/208. They will have two air exchangers. Will get a quote on school transformers. We will hopefully have transformers 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2023. Wire should be coming for Ackerman Road. Will need to contact Howard to find out status of clinic transformer. We do have spares if needed.

Discussion on relocation of line in Alley for clinic project. We need to look at alternatives if we can not get easements for placement. We will need to speak with Dave Krause.

Discussion on change orders for bucket truck purchase.

Lindemann/Stanek approval of change order #1 for 1,414.00 and #2 for 3,328.00 for a total not to exceed 185,000.00 for the bucket truck. Roll Call. Ayes.

Discussion on Budget. Discussion on staffing and impacts going forward and possible front desk position. Will go to finance and personnel. Discussion on possible debt/borrow for utility relocations in the alley project.

Admin Report- Brown presented report. Meeting with Gunderson on project status will take place this week. Discussion on Hazard Mitigation. Rate case submitted.

Stanek/Lindemann motion to approve bills as presented. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Commission Communication: Discussion of water behind/in Elroy Auto. MSA is checking on status and options moving forward.

Lindemann/Stanek motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

Geena Skowronski  
Utility Clerk