

Utility Commission Meeting
Monday, February 1, 2021
6:00 PM at Utility Office Building

Members Present: Ross Canniff, Bart Coons, Cheryl Braun, Dick Evans, Nick Gahlman, Tim Gassner, and Mayor Wegener

Members Absent: Robert Affeld

Also Present: Alice Gentz and Laurie Runyan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and roll call was taken. Motion by Braun/Evans to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Braun/Evans to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Appearances/Comments: No one appears.

Monthly Business:

- A. Motion by Braun/Coons to approve payment of WPPI invoice of \$231,210.81, checks of \$91,541.34 and vouchers of \$0. Motion carried 4-0.
- B. Review Prior Month Income Statement.
- C. Council Acts Affecting Utility. Resolution 65-2020 – Approve MSA Agreement for CDBG-CL PF Application for Hyland Street Project.
- D. Consumption and Loss.
- E. Review Totals of Delinquent Customers. Discussed moratorium.

Reports of Officials:

- A. Utility Accountant.
 - 1. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Community Contributions. Motion by Braun/Evans to give \$700 to Juneau Police Dept Youth Programs. Motion carried 4-0.
- B. Electric Superintendent.
 - 1. Projects Update. Have been assisting other depts with snow removal; pole inventory finished; performing pole inspections soon; quote given to Shawn for E. Oak Grove St. Light Project – upgrading to LED fixtures, will use existing arms, being presented tomorrow at finance committee meeting; utility needs new transformer, replace at our cost; fixed only 3 streetlights; replacement of WWTP poles slow due to cold temps, in wet part of goose trail, trying to do first 8 while there is frost in the ground for equipment to drive on it; truck maintenance - fixed what we could, digger derrick won't be here much longer, bucket truck needs things that have to be sent in to get repaired; Utility Sales provided a sketch of what new digger derrick will look like, expected completion in July, our truck is on WI Surplus Auction; Edward Jones had a meter issue, completely failed, replaced today; had a joint purchasing video conference, issue with material and equipment, lead time for transformers is 32 weeks, 2 vendors have transformers in stock now, may be an issue in event of an emergency in the future; Automated Pet Care will be getting a new service, we have one transformer in stock. Had safety training in Waupun's shop for social distancing; street light hit by garbage truck is finished, they've been billed for labor and new material; outage today at Sensient's treatment plant, found broken cutout, ½ hour to fix.
- C. Water/Wastewater Superintendent.

1. Projects Update. Problems at lift 2 seems to be fixed; Scada computer failed, it's in the budget for this year and will be taken from the DNR Replacement fund; HVAC controls ordered, budgeted item; analyzer is out for repairs; backwash and wet basins cleaned last month; fire hydrant repaired by FSA office; shoveling out hydrants; cold temps causing freeze-ups on compact plants; ceiling repairs at Well 1 not finished; Tom Unke will have Sensient contract draft ready by end of week, wants to review with Dan and anyone interested, contract to state they have 40% capacity of WWTP -not ownership; public notices distributed that lead was found in some homes, posted info on website, will be in this month's invoice; went to a class to learn about chemical addition and lead and copper rules; polyphosphate will cause problems with limits.
2. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Chemical Additions to Water at Wells. We will need to start adding polyphosphate because our water is corrosive. Fluoride does not have to be added to water, would like to discontinue, we could use those scales and pumps for the new chemical instead of buying more. City ordinance re: fluoride in water would need to be changed. Wegener requested surveying neighboring communities on what they're doing on fluoride; Evans would like more facts and to know how much fluoridation costs. MSA wants to meet with Dan and Mac next week to discuss WWTP upgrade.

Utility President: Nothing to report.

Mayoral Comments: Need to stay on top of Sensient contract. New year, new challenges.

Old Business:

New Business: City is moving forward with Hyland Street, will impact utility. Gassner questioned whether MSA is looking into grants for lead replacement. Nick: county contacted him about taking on locating for their fiber, he's concerned with risks involved.

Motion by Evans/Braun to adjourn meeting at 6:54 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes recorded by:
Alice Gentz and Laurie Runyan