

Utility Commission Meeting
Monday, June 6, 2022
6:00 PM at Utility Office Building

Members Present: Robert Affeld, Ross Canniff, Dick Evans, Cheryl Braun, Bart Coons, Nick Gahlman, Peter Gallun and Mayor Wegener

Members Absent:

Also Present: Alex Smudde, Peggy Schultz

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and roll call was taken. Motion by Braun/Canniff to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Braun/Coons to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Appearances/Comments:

- I. Matt Castillo from MSA to discuss WWTP Upgrade:
 1. Soil boring site work is complete.
 2. Discussed Storage Garage requirements
 3. Completing preliminary site plan, obtaining pricing and delivery times for materials.
 4. Continue to monitor the Clean Water Fund Program and available grant monies.

- II. Jim Vermillion and John Long from Sensient for discussion on WWTP Upgrade and financing of project. Sensient is committed to moving forward with the upgrade. They would prefer not having a long-term debt agreement and do a lumpsum payment upfront. Need to work out some details to cover unknown costs with a not-to-exceed amount. MSA will draft a new agreement with requested changes for Sensient to resubmit for approval.

Monthly Business:

- A. Motion by Canniff/Braun to approve payment of WPPI invoice of \$252,685.06 and checks of \$92,473.36. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Review Prior Month Income Statement.
- C. Council Acts Affecting Utility. None.
- D. Consumption and Loss. Justice Fac meters are not working properly causing inaccurate meter reads, so water consumption numbers are off.
- E. Review Totals of Delinquent Customers.

Reports of Officials:

- A. Utility Accountant
 1. New billing clerk has started and doing well.

- B. Electric Superintendent
 1. Projects Update: Had 2 outages, one from an underground fault at a house, put in temporary line until new line could be installed. Outage on the eastern portion of the city was caused from back feed voltage from Glasfloss, installed a larger size fuse, back up and running. On E. Oak St. project- Charter will be moving their cabling on their own. We will be moving our wiring and AT&T's underground within the next few weeks. Summer hire to start next week. Have been working on the faulty jail water meters with WWTP. American Transmission Co will be doing some work so some outage is possible. Had 4 disconnects in May.

C. Water/Wastewater Superintendent

1. Review, discuss and possibly approve Well #3 Generator project. We are required by DNR to have permanent back-up generator at Well #3. MCC panel is out-of-date, will need to install all new electrical equipment. Commission unable to approve, cost is over \$25,000 so project will have to be bid publicly.
2. Projects Update: Been working with MSA on WWTP upgrade; Northern Pipe found 30 laterals that need to be inspected for leakage; Had one waste basin cleaned out in May; 216 Fair St. rerouted their water and sewer service, but there was no water when turned on at curb stop, looked at MSA's water system drawings and that section was buried but not connected to water main when installed. Mayor instructed Contractors to send bills to MSA.

Utility President: Went with Nick to WPPI meeting, learned about the IJA grants. They gave projections on wholesale power and generation, may have possible blackouts in future, caused from charging EV's, lack of coal plants, etc.

Mayoral Comments: Approached by developer interested in partnering with city for building more houses, will be going to planning commission to discuss.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion by Braun/Coons to adjourn meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes recorded by:
Laurie Runyan