

WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING

February 22, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Melody Stuart at the Bromwell Lodge.

Water Committee members present were Chairman Melody Stuart and Alderperson Burgess. Alderperson Smith was via remote until 7:05 pm. Alderperson Smith arrived at the Bromwell Lodge at 7:05 pm. Also present was Water Supt Jack Duncan, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades, Water Employee Dana Owens, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Mayor Page was absent.

Present in the audience was Mark Bingham from Chastain and Associates, Jeff Alvey from GSI, Curt Corzine, Randy Corzine, Jim Branyan, Mike Creamer and Kent Kuhle.

Alderperson Burgess, seconded by Alderperson Stuart made a **motion to allow Alderperson Smith via remote**. Motion carried with Alderperson Stuart and Burgess voting aye.

Alderperson Burgess made a **motion to approve the January 18, 2022 Water/Wastewater Committee meeting minutes**, seconded by Alderperson Stuart. Motion carried with Alderperson Burgess, Smith and Stuart voting aye and 0 nays.

Under Old Business:

Under New Business:

Water Supt Jack Duncan went over 2 quotes for the Well 10 and Well 11 Rehab. Layne was \$28,542.00. Peerless was \$26,300.00. Jack discussed the cleaning process and keeping the nitrate levels within range. Jack explained there is approximately 4 days of water without well pumping. It has been since 2007 since the wells were done.

Jeff Alvey from GSI explained to the committee they are working on a beautification at GSI and building a new entrance. The committee discussed the drainage being tied into the storm sewer on Illinois Street and the retention pond. There has been water coming into the building at GSI.

The drainage district discussed the storm water at length.

The retention pond was also discussed and where and how much water is going in it. It was also questioned who owns the retention pond. The committee decided Mayor Page could call Jeff Alvey to discuss further.

Mark Bingham presented a flow monitor report. The report was discussed. It was noted there is an issue with water coming possibly from Sloan's and this should be addressed. Mark will work with the City Attorney on how to move forward. A meeting will need to be scheduled with Sloan's.

The committee discussed needing an ordinance for a retention pond.

Mark discussed a timeline with the EPA for the nitrates.

The soil sample for the land at the new water plant have come back with no action needed.

Mark has the permit application for Mayor Page to sign.

The Department of Agriculture has approved the land for the water plant.

The City continues to wait for approval for the water plant.

The Sanitary Sewer Phase 1 will need a final punch list completed. The quantity adjustments still need to be completed.

The Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 should have the permits next week.

The Leafland Pump Station land acquisition still needs completed by the Attorney.

The Larochelle Project will start approximately the middle of March.

Water Collector Tanya Rhoades informed the committee there was a sewer increase on the bills.

Water Supt would like to discuss a water increase of 3 to 5 percent to be done yearly.

Aldersperson Stuart submitted her resignation effective March 3, 2022.

The committee asked if the online payment is going well. It was noted a lot more are using it and there has been no issues.

Water Supt Jack Duncan went over the fees for shut off and reconnection.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.
Janet Waller, City Clerk