

WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING

March 15, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Alderperson Burgess at the Bromwell Lodge.

Water Committee members present were Alderpersons Burgess and Smith. Alderperson Cochran was via remote until 6:45 pm until he arrived at the Bromwell Lodge. Also present was Mayor Page, Water Supt Jack Duncan, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades, Water Employee Dana Owens, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Mark Bingham from Chastain and Associates, Donny Walden and son.

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

Alderperson Burgess made a **motion to approve the February 22, 2022 Water/Wastewater Committee meeting minutes**, seconded by Alderperson Cochran. Motion carried with Alderperson Burgess, Smith and Cochran 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.

The committee continued discussion from the last water meeting on the storm sewers at Sloan's. They committee would like to know how to move forward and who pays for it.

The necessary paperwork will need completed for the new water plant once we have received notification of the award for funding. The City will be responsible for 20 percent of the project if awarded. The cost of the new Water Plant is \$2 million dollars. The City will possibly need an EPA loan to pay for the 20 percent.

Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 will be starting late this summer.

In 2 years the new ruling will require the City to identify every service in town. Approximately 300 services will need to be replaced.

The Larochelle Project materials are coming in and they will be starting in 2 weeks.

Water Supt Jack Duncan would like to recommend implementing a water increase every year and each year review the rate.

The cost of the peach tree is \$178.00 and it has a 1 year warranty.

Water Supt Jack Duncan would like to get new tires on the water truck along with fixing a wiper switch.

A watermain break is somewhere but cannot be identified where the leak is. The City is losing a lot of water and the lift station usage is up. Matter Leak Detection could assist the City in finding the leak for a cost of \$5,300.00. Committee discussed whether to have a Special Meeting to approve or allow the company to start and approve at council. It was decided to allow the company to start and approve at council.

The committee was notified there is a customer that has a water leak and they are in no hurry to fix the leak. The leak has doubled and there has been no repair. The committee decided to create an ordinance that repairs must be done in 15 days and anything after 15 days will not be allowed a once every five years adjustment.

Mayor Page introduced Donny Walden as his next recommendation to appoint as Alderperson Ward 1.

The walk thru was done today for Sanitary Sewer Phase 1. Petersburg should start addressing the issues.

Mark Bingham would like to have Attorney Moredock work on the Leafland acquisition property in the near future.

The committee discussed if Mike Creamer should be billed as country of in town water. The committee agreed on country rates as no tapping fees was charged.

Shut offs will be done next week.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.
Janet Waller, City Clerk