

# WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING

April 18, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Alderperson Walden at City Hall.

Water Committee members present were Alderpersons Burgess, Walden and Smith. Also present was Mayor Page, Water Supt Jack Duncan, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Mark Bingham from Chastain and Associates.

Alderperson Burgess made a **motion to approve the March 15, 2022 Water/Wastewater Committee meeting minutes**, seconded by Alderperson Smith. Motion carried with Alderperson Burgess, Smith and Cochran voting aye and 0 nays.

## Under Old Business:

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. Mayor Page met with Sloan's and offered TIF money.

## Under New Business:

Mark Bingham updated the committee that we are waiting on the next steps from the EPA for the Water Plant.

The Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 is advertised and a bid opening is scheduled at June 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm at City Hall. The project is scheduled to start towards the middle of summer.

The Larochelle Project has started. They will be closing some roads for the day.

Water Supt suggested a water rate increase ordinance should be done with a rate increase of 3 percent for 5 years with a review annually.

The issue with the wipers on the Water Supt truck was worked on but the wipers are malfunctioning again. Tires will be purchased possibly in the winter.

Matter Leak Detection found a leak at 2<sup>nd</sup> and College Street. They will make the repair after the locates have been marked.

The Sanitary Sewer Phase 1 walk thru was done and there are a few issues to address.

Water Supt Jack Duncan suggested the City buy an additional acre for the water plant..

The water towers inspections need to be done. The cost is \$2,000 to \$3,000.00. This may be a future project for the City.

Jack went over the review of the cleaning of the wells. He will be working overtime while the wells are being cleaned.

The City will start paying back Phase 1 Sanitary Sewer loan this year as the loan will be closing in a couple of months.

The water bills were mailed out on April 21, 2022.

Mark Bingham discussed the concrete patch on Samuel and Kemmerer Street and the approximate cost to redo is \$25,000.00. This will need to be voted on at the council meeting.

Sanitary Sewer Phase 1 extra pipe cannot be purchased by the City per the EPA.

Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 will have a bid opening on June 1 at 2 pm.

The nitrate vessels will be delivered possibly next month. The council should vote on the installation of the old water plant or the new water plant.

The committee discussed an issue with the ditch at the west end of First Street.

Aldersperson Smith questioned about the past due water bills.

Mayor Page would like to give \$18,000.00 to the Water Fund for revenue replacement from the ARPA funds.

Budgets were not finished to be discussed.

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.  
Janet Waller, City Clerk