

The meeting was called to order by Sabel at 6:30 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Sabel, Voss

Members Absent: Liebenow

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Ald. Nitschke, Ald. Sabel, Ald. McKinnon, Kathie Wild, Shelley Eilbes, Vern Hilker, Ron Wellner, Roger Williams, Sally Kahlhamer, Brian Paynter, Dave Pasbrig

Item #2 – Approve Minutes of January 22, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Voss, second by Sabel to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Monthly Utilities Report.

A. Golf View Lift Station Construction Project Update.

Ron Wellner reported the new generator has been ordered and should be here by March. They will have the punch list items for the project done by spring.

B. 4th Street Lift Station Construction Project Update.

The project will be going out for bids soon and will need to be back by March.

C. Elevated Tank-Cleaning, Inspection, Lights.

Ron reported that the same company that they have used in the past will again be cleaning the elevated tank. It will cost \$4,800 which is \$1,400 less than the last time it was cleaned. It will be done this summer. They have been working to get the lights replaced also on the tank.

D. Nomination for WDNR State Large Register Lab of the Year.

Ron explained that the DNR called and nominated us for the state large register of the year award. However, he got a call back and was told they were pulling the nomination because we are a certified lab and don't qualify for the award.

E. Lab Charges 2009-2012.

The utility commission approved at their last meeting to increase the lab charges by 4% for the next 4 years.

F. Date & Time for Next Meeting.

Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant.

There was a discussion as to how the hiring process is going for the utility plant operator position. Ron reported that he is still interviewing and wants to have someone hired after the next commission meeting. He interviewed 10 people of the 45 applicants. He wants to hire someone that is licensed through the state. He will report back on this at next month's Public Safety meeting.

Item #5 – Monthly DPW Report.

A. Snow Plowing/Salting Report.

Vern handed out to the council the updated version of the salt expenditures spreadsheet. He reported that the city doesn't have much salt left. They are mixing what they have left with sand. He commented that people have been understanding

of the situation. They had \$45,000 budgeted for salt for 2008 and only have \$13,897.83 left for the rest of the year which includes the start of next winter. Ald. Voss asked if they had a plan if the snow melted fast. Vern explained that they would follow their normal plan and make sure all catch basins were open.

There was a question as to the recent news of Veolia discontinuing their garbage sticker program and if the city could do anything about that. Vern explained that the city doesn't have any control over what the company does and that the citizens need to contract out their garbage pickup.

Ald. Voss asked the status of when the 10 minute parking signs would be put up in front of Quiznos. Vern explained that the signs were received and that they would get put up in the spring.

Item #6 - Adjournment.

Motion by Sabel, second by Voss to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathie Wild, City Clerk