

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Redeker at 5:30 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Redeker, Ald. Sertich, Ald. Toellner

Members Absent:

Others Present: Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Schaefer, Ald. Schmidt, Deanna Boldrey, Kathie Wild, Don Neitzel, Dan Schmitt, Ron Wellner, Mike Kurutz, Ben Brown, Kara Johnson

Item #2 – Approve Minutes of March 19, 2012, Meeting.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Toellner to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2012, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Monthly Utilities Report.

- A. Construction Projects.
  - a. Barwig Lift Station.

Ron Wellner reported that the underground mechanical work is complete. There was a delay due to the fact that they had the wrong check valve; and had wait for the right check valve. Waiting to do the electrical, generator, site restoration, and old liftstation demo. Should be completed around the end of May.
  - b. Well # 3 Radium Report.

Ron Wellner reported that the DNR asked for 45 more days to review the plans, but that does not mean the schedule for construction has changed. Has to be operational by end of next year. Will go out for bids this winter and installation in Spring for radium removal system. In addition, Ron did receive a letter from the DNR for the safe drinking water fund. The score was 132 points.
- B. Water.
  - a. Hydrant Flushing Report.

Ron Wellner reported that the hydrant flushing will start tomorrow. This will go through five weeks ending in May. This will be the flushing and testing of the entire system. This will start in the Northwest corner of the City and will end at Golf View. The flushing will take place Tuesdays through Fridays. The water department does have iron out in case this does affect someone's laundry.
  - b. Water Meters Report.

Ron received notice that in 2014 they will begin removing water meters and replacing with low lead water meters and new brass nickels. Started to buy new meters; they are \$7 more or \$63 per meter. This will be over a period of 10 years.
- C. Wastewater
  - a. Discharge Permit Application.

Ron Wellner is in the process of completing the wastewater discharge application, and it is due by June 30. There are 11 pages of test results. Sampling will be done by May 15, and the results will be in by end of June. There could be major changes with phosphorus and suspended solids. The instructions are 35 pages long.
  - b. Sludge Holding Tank Report.

The tank is old. Bricks are falling off. This has been happening for years, and it is getting to the point that it is dangerous. The Commission has looking at three firms for prices.
- D. Discussion with Possible Recommendation of Proposed Water Softener Ordinance.

Ron Wellner stated that the Utility Commission has recommended the same proposed ordinance that came before the Council in 2009 which was denied.

With the new application for a new permit comes a question for a chloride variance, and one of the questions is, do you have this ordinance? Right now Ron has to check no. Ron noted that it is very important not to check no.

According to a calculation by the DNR it would cost approximately \$1,449,125 for the system to remove chlorides with an annual operational and maintenance cost at approximately \$473,405. The ordinance says if you remove your old water softener it has to be replaced with an on demand type; not a timed water softener.

Ald. Sertich distributed information to the entire Council which gave history to the item from 2009. Ald. Sertich noted that nothing has changed from 2009. She questioned if it is the homeowner's responsibility or is it something the water department needs to approach. She noted that there is not anything in the state of Wisconsin on this. California has something that is mostly on a filter system. Ald. Sertich noted that nothing has been explored as to what the water department could do on their end.

Ald. Sertich questioned if it is fair for the homeowner to pay the price when the other type of water softener is available to the homeowner and considered legal and a lot less cost to the homeowner. Ron noted that the most of the new water softeners available are on demand and will pay for themselves over time. She noted that there are additional elements required because of the hard level of water. She noted that the City of Mayville is rated as a 7, because of the hard water. Ron noted that there are 26 grains of hardness in the City of Mayville water. Ron continued that the water department has started recording the model and type of water softener when doing a cross connection. Ald. Sertich noted that this is asking a lot and should be up to the person purchasing the product. She noted that it is concerning to her that the language is the same 2½ years later. Ron noted if not acted upon it could cost money on the utility bill.

Ald. Redeker noted that he agrees that the City should not demand someone purchase a certain type of product. Ald. Redeker questioned how it will be enforced. Ron agreed that the ordinance would be difficult to enforce. He can complete the application the way it is. Ald. Redeker noted that he does not see how an ordinance will fix the problem. Ron noted that every check in the right place on the DNR application will help our cause. Ald. Schmidt noted that when dealing with the DNR a lot of things can help and the more we go along the less likely they will penalize us. Ron noted that Lake Geneva has similar ordinance in place. Some communities give a rebate for purchasing a new on demand type. Ald. Sertich noted that we cannot be the only ones facing this problem. If the item is available when going out to buy, it seems pointless question to ask. Ald. Sertich noted that there are filters that are required. She does not like the City telling a homeowner to spend a larger amount of money. Ron noted that they have been working with reducing chlorides and working with industries.

Ald. Toellner noted that he does not see a problem with the ordinance. Ron noted that the vote was mixed in 2009. Ald. Sertich noted it failed 4-2.

Ald. Redeker would like to gather more information and asked Ron to bring more information. Ald. Pasbrig asked for clarification in the cost of the on demand and other type. It was noted that it could be \$200-\$500 more for the on demand type. Ald. Pasbrig questioned the rebate item and noted that there would be a record of what is in the home.

Ald. Redeker questioned the penalty if the City does not have the ordinance in place. Ron noted the DNR estimates to add the system and the maintenance of the system. Ron wants all ducks in a row so that it does not come back to the community. Don Neitzel clarified that there is a chance there would be a limit for chlorides and the waste water would have to treat for chlorides and that is where calculations from the DNR come in for the cost of the system and the operation and maintenance costs. Also, there is a chance that the City could be given a limit on the chlorides. Ron noted that the limit is 400 milligrams per liter and we are at 500-800 in summer when Seneca is running. We are already over the limit. Ald. Redeker noted he wants more information before passing.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Toellner to postpone the item to the May committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Utilities Commission Meeting is May 1, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Item #5 – Monthly Engineering & Planning Report.

- A. 2012 Street Resurfacing Program.  
Don reported that the bid opening will be on April 27, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. There are three paving companies that have pulled plans.
- B. South End of Mayer Lane.  
Don reported that there are stop signs on Mayer Lane. Seneca's drive is labeled private drive. If there were an accident, this is not City right of way. Alphyll Lane does not come up to their drive. There are no prior agreements that he can find. This will come back to the next meeting. Before doing improvements he needs to be clear on what is being done.
- C. Discussion with Possible Recommendation of Restoration at 610 Green Bay Drive.  
Ald. Sertich gave history to the item. Ald. Sertich had information to hand out to all of the Council. This is past documentation of 2007 to date on the item. Ald. Sertich pulled all discussions on history of when approved and when discussions started. When this came to light as new alderpersons the request was made to put back on the agenda and it was refused. Don distributed a drawing of the culvert which is attached to the minutes. Don noted that Mr. Schmitt had removed the culvert he put there. He is looking to restore it. The bottom of the ditch will have fabric and line with stone. Dan came to the podium for any questions. The small circles are varied sizes of field stone. Ald. Redeker noted that the neighbors did not have a problem with this. The neighbor to the west was at the meeting and did not have a problem with it. The neighbor to the east did not have problem with it. Ald. Sertich noted that it was her understanding that when Dan was requested to take it down; the City was going to help with getting land in place. She noted that then all of the sudden the City did not help. Not sure how much needs to be removed or how to handle. He noted that from the bottom of the ditch line to the street gradually back to the way it was. He has some low spots to use dirt in. Dan noted that Don Neitzel cured problem with the sump pump. He fixed the portion of the rotted pipe. With this restoration it would be a maintenance free ditch. Does not foresee any problems. This is in the right of way of the street. Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Toellner to recommend restoration at 610 Green Bay Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 – Monthly DPW Report.

- A. Report on Salt Order 2013.  
Mike noted he has submitted the paperwork for next winter's salt order. Right now there is 1200 ton on order with 200 in reserve. Prices will come at end of May or early June. Mike continued that the price should come down.
- B. Brush Pick-Up May 2012 – October 2012.  
Mike reported the dates for Brush Pick-Up May - October. Twice a month in May – October.
- C. Update on Narrow Band Program of Radios for DPW Department.  
The radios are completely upgraded. They are ready for the county wide conversion. Only had to buy one radio.
- D. Update on Day to Day Operations.  
Mike reported that crack filling is an ongoing item. They are working four, ten hour days. Also catch basin rebuilding is an ongoing project. The Mayer Lane ditch is fixed. The lift is operational. Street light repairs are finished. Weed notices are being processed. There were two weed notices last week. He is working to get a hold of the banks that have landscape agreements for the foreclosures.

Item #7 Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Toellner to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk

KEY

DRAWING NOT TO SCALE

○ FIELD STONE RANGING IN SIZE FROM SOFTBALL TO FOOTBALL.

— LANDSCAPE FABRIC (20 YEAR).

— GRASS.

