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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY COMMISSION
Minutes**

September 18, 2017

City Hall Conference Room

6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Wittmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Mayor Gary Deiter, Jeff Wittmann, Mary Jo Krueger, Wally Sonnabend, Russ Boldt, Dave Schwahn, and Leonard Kopidlansky. Also present were Amy Vaclavik from McMahan, Pete Litersky from MCO, Public Works Director Andy Geiger, City Administrator Clerk/Treasurer Lori Gosz, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Joy Buboltz. Absent were Dan Mertens and Paul Much from MCO.

GUESTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion – Schwahn moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Krueger. Call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2017 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY MEETING:

Motion – Boldt moved to approve the August 21, 2017 Water and Sewer Utility Meeting minutes. Seconded by Kopidlansky. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Motion – Krueger moved to approve the Water and Sewer Utility operating vouchers in the amount of \$62,074.31. Seconded by Schwahn.

Schwahn asked if the hydrants replaced along USH 10 was budgeted. Litersky stated one replacement was budgeted, but not the second replacement hydrant. The second hydrant was broken and needed to be replaced.

Call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT:

None.

INFLOW & INFILTRATION REDUCTION PROJECT:

A. 2017 Mini-Storm Project – Update:

Geiger reported that Immel Construction completed their work last Tuesday and the concrete work has also been completed. Nicklaus Landscaping will hopefully start the landscape work this week.

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Geiger stated the projects went well and that the affected residents are hooking up to the mini storm sewer.

WPDES PERMIT REISSUANCE:

A. Phosphorus Limit Compliance:

B. Chloride Variance:

Gosz reported the hearing date for the permit reissuance is scheduled for October 3rd at 10:30 AM.

LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT:

Geiger reported he is working with MCO Employee Litersky on this. A public educational brochure will be mailed with this quarter's water bills to all homeowners in the City with a note also being included on the water and sewer bills. The DNR has set guidelines that we need to follow. More information on that will be forthcoming.

Geiger stated it is important to get a count on the number of lead services in the City.

Litersky stated the next round of sampling for lead and copper testing will take place on January 1st and then again July 31st. If the City passes those two (2) rounds of testing some of the restrictions will be lifted. If we don't pass, then we are "under the gun". It may be possible that the City will need to replace 14 lead services (which equates to 7%).

Litersky reported the Utility did do the required lead testing, ordered by the DNR, which the Utility passed. He received information on possible grants the City could apply for to help with lead water service line replacements.

Litersky reminded that not all of the City's residents are affected by this lead water service line replacement.

MCO REPORT:

A. Monthly Superintendent Report/Update:

Litersky submitted a written report and reported on the following:

1. The WWTP filters were not taken off line since the plant has been receiving low flows.
2. A valve was replaced on Wisconsin Avenue and Immel replaced curb boxes also.
3. There are working on the replacement of the large meters, which will be for commercial properties and for apartments.
4. He starting flushing hydrants today.
5. Ryan Lift Station is clean.
6. Litersky reported the Utility will be purchasing more ROM's to be replaced due to battery issues.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

A. Water Distribution System Improvements – Transmission Main Connection Project:

This project has been put on hold at this time.

CHAIRMAN:

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No report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CITY CLERK/TREASURER:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Water User Rate Study - Update:

Gosz reported that the projected water rate increase is now 20%; initially it was 23% when first filed.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion – Sonnabend moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Krueger. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Joy L. Buboltz
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer