

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022– 1:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND GOTO**

Council Members present: Lotvedt, Kraft (by phone), LaRocque, Brossart and Trottier. Also present were Mayor Steinke, Auditor Stewart, Troy Munyer, Street and Sewer Supervisor and Interim Water Plant Supervisor. Absent were Berg, Bednarz, Lunde and Attorney Hartl.

Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Mayor Steinke.

The council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Steinke took roll call.

Steinke explained that the city needs to have plans and specifications for the Water Treatment Plant Clarifier Project drawn up by an engineer. Lotvedt explained that the state requires an engineer to sign off on the SUEZ drawings and put the project out for bids to install the replacement clarifiers. The council discussed the costs associated with the project. There was a motion by Brossart to put out a request for price, or an estimate of cost, to draw up plans and specifications for the clarifier project. Trottier questioned if the council is asking for a price or formal bids? Lotvedt explained that the past engineers who have worked on the city water plant, Interstate Engineering and AE2S, should be asked for estimates of cost. Trottier questioned why the council would not go beyond the two engineers that have worked on the plant in the past. Lotvedt cited familiarity and knowledge of the plant would be beneficial for the engineering firm. Trottier does not want it to appear that the council is leaning in a certain direction by only putting it out to two firms.

Brossart rescinded his previous motion. Brossart then motioned to put a request for cost estimates out for the engineering fees to four engineering companies to include AE2S and Interstate Engineering. Second by LaRocque. Lotvedt questioned what will be sent out in the request for proposals as far as the information sent out to the engineering firms. The SUEZ shop drawings will be sent out to all firms that an estimate of cost is solicited from. Munyer reminded the council that the drive motors for the project are already on order. Steinke called for a roll call vote, all voting yes, motion carried.

The council considered the SUEZ invoice in the amount of \$147,200. There was a motion by Lotvedt to approve the SUEZ invoice in the amount of \$147,200. Second by Trottier, roll call vote, all voting yes, motion carried.

Munyer explained that the CO2 and chlorine valves in the water plant were installed in 2015. They have a seven year life span. The city has a service contract with Aqua-Pure to maintain and repair these. Munyer explained that currently they have chlorine leaking in the chemical room of the water plant and Aqua-Pure has a contract to fix it and has not made the repair. Munyer was told by Tim Melander of Aqua-Pure to put Vaseline around the valve that is leaking. Munyer informed the council that the leak set the gas leak alarm off once. Steinke questioned if Melander has ordered replacement parts for some of the valves or all of the valves. Munyer explained that he is aware that some of the parts have been ordered. They discussed having Munyer reach out to Aqua-Pure and find out when the valve parts will arrive, a time and

cost estimate to install, at a minimum. Lotvedt recommended inviting Aqua-Pure to the next council meeting.

Munyer explained that the CO2 valves are not working and the ph is not controlled well because of this. The valves leak out the CO2 in the line from the tank to the valve. They discussed budgeting for 2023 to have all the valves replaced. The city pays a monthly fee to have repairs made, so no additional cost will be incurred.

The council discussed the sewer and water line at the Michael Hurly and Barbra Austin properties. Munyer explained that they cleaned out the line with the jet machine and used the sewer camera to view the line, and the camera became stuck. They had to dig the line to get the camera out. They patched the line and put the cleanout back in. In order to do more digging, they will need to have a plan and submit it to the state for approval before they dig anything else. Lotvedt explained that the sidewalk will need to be torn up, because currently the water and sewer line are on top of each other. An estimate of cost cannot be arrived at until a plan of what to do with the two lines is drawn up.

Munyer explained that on 2nd St SW, just west of Hardware Hank and north of Ely Elementary, there is water draining into the manhole at the location and they have not determined the source as of yet. Munyer is working with Rural Water to locate the leak. Steinke explained that this intersection will be reworked with the Ely Elementary addition. The school has applied and been issued a building permit. The plans are on file at City Hall. It is unclear, until researched, if the civil engineering plans are part of what was submitted. These plans would indicate where the water drainage from the intersection would be located.

Munyer explained that the depth of the filter media at the water plant is 21". He explained that there have been concerns from individuals that the filters are not being flushed correctly.

Munyer explained IPS should be onsite tomorrow to finish up the programming for the backwash pump.

LaRocque questioned when he will have access to his driveway. Stewart will contact Jim Olson to see when access will be gained to his driveway.

There being no further business to transact or come before the Council at this time, there was a motion by Lotvedt to adjourn the Council Meeting. Second by Brossart, all voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Frank LaRocque, Mayor
Attest: Jennifer Stewart, City Auditor
Approved: July 5, 2022