

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

August 8, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alderman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Budd  
Alderman Skultety

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry  
Superintendent Speagle  
Kellie Hamell  
Alderman Olive  
Alderman Lanzotti  
Alderman Driskill

Owen Lasswell  
Carol Endsley  
Shirley Sams  
Bill Newberry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Burtle

Acting Chairman Alderman Budd called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

Superintendent Speagle presented the July monthly status report.

**PARTIAL PAY REQUEST #24 FROM PLOCHER CONSTRUCTION**

Superintendent Speagle presented pay Request # 25 from Plocher Construction for the amount of \$421,162.59 for work performed from July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019.

Motion was made by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign Pay Request # 25 from Plocher Construction in the amount of \$421,162.59 for work on the New Water Treatment Plant and forward the request to IEPA Low Interest Loan Program for disbursement and approve payment of same pending receipt of disbursement from IEPA, this conditioned upon receipt of signed mechanics lien waivers in this amount and recommendation by the Project Engineer that the work has been satisfactorily performed. Motion carried 3-0.

**INVOICE FROM BENTON & ASSOCIATES & CLARK-DIETZ**

Superintendent Speagle presented an invoice from Benton & Associates in the amount of \$52,335.84 for work performed related to the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant from June 23, 2019 through July 20, 2019.

Motion was made by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to pay Benton & Associates \$52,335.84 for work performed related to the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant from June 23, 2019 through July 20, 2019. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent Speagle presented an invoice from Clark Dietz in the amount of \$2,320.00 for work performed related to the construction of the New Water Treatment Plant from June 29, 2019 through July 26, 2019.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to pay Clark Dietz in the amount of \$2,320.00 for work performed related to the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant from June 29, 2019 through July 26, 2019. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPROVE REPAIR OF SPARE WELL PUMP BY BROTCHE WELL & PUMP**

Superintendent Speagle presented a quote for the repair of the well pump that was recently removed from Well #4 to be used as a spare.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to approve Brotcke Well & Pump to repair and return the pump at a cost not to exceed \$10,434.95. Motion carried 3-0.

### **WATER SERVICE ON RIDGE AVE. IN THE LAKEWOOD SUBDIVISION**

Residents along a portion of Ridge Avenue in Lakewood Subdivision are requesting water service. They are willing to pay the costs associated with said extension.

Alderman Dorchinecz had some concerns, stating the City had incurred some costs on a project for customers wanting to run water service then they backed out. Superintendent Speagle advised that would not happen; he would collect money upfront.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance authorizing the extension of water main to Ridge Avenue. Motion carried 3-0.

### **WATER COLLECTION OFFICE UPDATE**

- There were 682 credit card payments for July, 546 on line payments, and 533 drafts.
- 35 manual meters were changed out in June; there are less than 200 left to change
- 12 accounts were sent to Credit Collection Partners.
- There were 129 shut offs. 70 were turned back on the same day.
- The high-volume customers were read with the regular customers. This eliminates the need for a second billing.

Alderman Budd commended Water Collection Manager Hamell on for a job well done, stating the reports she provides are very informative. With the changes made with billing cycles and different ways to pay, the funds are coming in faster.

Superintendent Speagle agreed Water Collection Manager Hamell is doing a great job and advised at the time the position was created, he told her he would re-evaluate the position in a year. He asked Alderman Lanzotti, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, to place this issue on the next Personnel Committee Agenda.

### **WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Speagle informed the Committee on progress at the New Water Plant and several items are moving forward.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

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Larry Budd, Acting Chairman  
Water/Environmental Committee