

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

September 9, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Bryant
Alderman Budd
Alderman Driskell
Alderman Wilson

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Superintendent Speagle
Superintendent Ortman
Alderman Olive
Alderman Brown

Treasurer Hamell
HBO Goodall
Crystal Nichols

Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Superintendent Speagle presented the August 2021 monthly status report.

WATER COLLECTION OFFICE UPDATE

Treasurer Hamell supplied an update of billing and collection numbers for the Water Collection Office.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Speagle provided updates and conclusions on various projects at the Water Treatment Plant.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Superintendent Speagle advised they have been working hard on their efficiency on the clarifiers and have reduced the aluminum sulfate by half in the last few months. This should cause reduction in lime usage which will result in a reduction of sludge generation and application which is very fuel and labor intensive.

Superintendent Speagle explained he is seeing dramatic issues with chemical suppliers' ability to retain drivers for deliveries. Fuel surcharges are increasing as are the lead times for orders. He is looking into purchasing a tanker trailer for lime deliveries as this may be the most cost-efficient solution.

Superintendent Speagle also discussed a few issues surrounding supply and demand. He advised the price per ton for chlorine has increased from \$539.00 to \$785.00. There are reports of brass fittings and copper being in short supply which will affect pricing. Cast iron couplings are hard to come by as well and there is no reason or cause associated to this. PVC pipe cannot be found by any supplier. Superintendent Speagle did advise he will be able to assist with supplying pipe for the upcoming East Main Cross project if needed.

Alderman Bryant asked about the trees that will be planted around the water treatment facility. Superintendent Speagle explained there are several areas needing ground cover and landscape to

reduce erosion and the trees will be planted across the back area of the grounds once this is complete.

Motion made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Driskell to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Bryant', written over a horizontal line.

Megan Bryant, Chairman
Water/Environmental Committee