

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 405 Jefferson Street, Washington, Missouri. The following were present/absent:

**MEMBERS:**

Chairman	John Vietmeier	Present
Member	Brad Mitchell	Present
Member	Mike Radetic	Present
Member	Steve Richardson	Present
Ex-officio Member	Steve Strubberg	Present
Ex-officio Member	Vacant	--

**OTHERS:**

Council Representative	Steve Sullentrup	Absent
Council Representative	Mark Wessels	Present
Mayor	Sandy Lucy	Absent
City Administrator	Daren Lamb	Absent
Water/Wastewater Superintendent	Kevin Quaethem	Present
Water/Wastewater Secretary	Beverly Hoyt	Present
City Engineer	John Nilges	Present
Assistant City Engineer	Andrea Lueken	Absent
Emergency Management Director	Mark Skornia	Absent
Fire Chief	Tim Frankenberg	Absent

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**Minutes.** A motion was made by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Radetic to approve the minutes from the regular April 9, 2019 meeting. The motion passed without dissent.

Mr. Mitchells' appointment to the board will expire June 2019. He has agreed to do another term.

**Wastewater.** The air scrubber is going to Council on next Monday for approval. Once approved it will take ten to 12 weeks to get assembled and delivered. Soon as that happens it will be installed in-house. None of the pipe or electrical can be done ahead of time unfortunately. This should be up and running by October 2019. The fiber glass cover will be ordered once approved. It is best that we wait until the scrubbers are in to make sure nothing will have to be changed.

**Well #9.** This has been roofed and sided. Washington Electrical is doing the electrical work. The new meter base and disconnect are installed. You now have to have a separate disconnect for Ameren prior to the meter base so it can be killed there if anything happens. Getting ready to install the waterproof paneling. This will be the first building that has waterproof panel so if there are any other leaks it will not deteriorate the building.

The building has been squared up to the curb, the old building was at an angle, now there is a better site view from Valley. John is going to rework the road (Steutermann) this will give about four feet more visual distance. Engineering is doing an overlay resurface to Steutermann and Bieker Road and adding a sidewalk in front of the well building. This is being done with Federal grants that were applied for about four years ago. It was unknown that the car would hit the building. By narrowing up Bieker about 2 feet which actually brings Valley Dr. further to the North, the intersection just moves to the North to put a sidewalk in and help with sight distance around the well house.

We are trying to work with the contractor on a change order to get that done. Narrowing Steutermann down a bit is not losing any drive lane. If you watch the cars you will see there is about 12 feet from the curb. When they make that turn at Valley. It might even help slow traffic down a bit. Trying to work on this road is always dangerous.

In reference to the article that appeared in the paper about the Sporlan Hazardous material. The only thing we are involved in is we take an extra water sample at Well #4. This is an organic sample to ensure that any of the contaminants at the sight have not migrated into our water system. The government is doing the cleanup and I am sure there are things that John will have to deal with, but water and wastewater side the only thing we have to worry about is Well #4. At this time there are no contaminants in the water.

Mark Skornia is heading this up from the City, he will be the point of contact. Mark is trying to get on the NPD (National Priorities Database) which is like a superfund. Essentially the federal government sets away dollars through the EPA to cleanup sites such as this. An example would be Washington County the lead belt, Times Beach both were superfund projects, this gives you an idea as to the size. This project is on the small size of cleanups. These do take a lot of time. We keep it monitored, but we do not think the EPA has the funds to work on this at the time. This is kind of a waiting process and see if there is an issue, unfortunately it is kind of a reactive

situation because there is just not enough money there to clean these up. Mark is working hard on putting pressure on the EPA but they do have a lot of other things going at this time.

Mr. Mitchell ask about 9<sup>th</sup> and Camp Street, where they come together there is no curb and gutter on the North side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, there and when it rains it is like a lake. I am not sure if there is a drain there or if it just does not drain properly. There are a lot of leaves there and maybe it doesn't drain properly or they are just clogged.

The Mayor has appointed a liaison committee called the "Stormwater Committee" to review stormwater problems on a quarterly basis. Engineering does actively look for those areas, once we get in the area we will work together to solve the problem, but right now our priority is not that location. We did some grate work at the corner of Lincoln and 9<sup>th</sup>, we put a couple of grated inlets in that cars were hitting. We will go out and check the grates on 9<sup>th</sup> Street and clean them if need be.

**Enduro.** We are still moving along on this, last week we drained it half way down to have an internal inspection done to see if we need to repaint the inside. The report came back and were amazingly surprised how good the inside of the tank looks. The mixers in the tank are great, this helps circulation of water in the tank which keeps it from getting stagnant at the top. This is where the problem usually is when that water just sits and floats up and down it builds up algae on the side of the tank. There will be some touch ups on the inside but will probably save us a good amount of money on this project. Still moving forward, one company is SI Engineering, all they do is tanks.

They are tied into the DNR so they are good company to use because they have a direct link to the department for reporting, moving forward. Looking at trying to get it in June or July for repaint. Everyone tries to get theirs done during the spring and fall but in the middle of the season you will get a better rate cause their looking for work. We estimate it to be down approximately a month, could go better since the exterior is not in bad shape. Could be done in a couple of weeks. There will not be a problem at the Industrial Plaza, Well #11 will be set to be governed off Clay St., which means it will run all the time which will keep a good flow of 830 to 850 gpm (gallons per minute) flowing out of the well. With this there will not be any fire issues we will be able to handle it.

There should not be any issues with Mercy Data Center. Let us say if Well 11 did go down their well and pressure system will take over and accommodate that. We will let them know when we get ready to go. I will send them the information of the time line. They should be internally ready to go if anything happens.

The color of the tank will be the same as the Crestview. All three are going to be the same color.

**Lift Station at Front Street.** Pumps have been rebuilt, we have to install a bypass pumping system. We are doing this now. We have to install a tee and a valve to bypass the isolation valve for the station because our drywell flooded and we have about 10" of sewage still in the bottom that we could not get out. So now we have the new truck it is just a process of getting it tied in,

then bypass pump. Get the pumps in and back on line. Hopefully with the next two to three weeks.

**Pump for Walnut Street.** Still being built this will be a project in the fall. Working with Cogent, Vandaventer, BRI the company that we are working with as soon as it comes into their facility they will make sure that it is operating as it should and this is the priority.

**Other.** Next week is Public Works Week – Mary will have a proclamation. This is not something we typically do but it is something we should be doing to make the Pubic more aware of all the hard work the guys and gals do. To get in front of the Council and let the paper know that these day to day evets don't just happen, that we have to work hard at getting them done.

Mr. Wessels asked where all the water tanks and tower were located: Crestview is located off Highway 47 just down from Highway 100, Clay Street Tank is 1061 Clay Street and Enduro is located 6482 Enduro Drive.

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

The next scheduled meeting date is June 11, 2019.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Adopted and Approved by the Board of Public Works:

Date: June 11, 2019 Signature: MEN 005  
Secretary