

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Tuesday, December 28, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works held on December 28, 2021 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	Absent
Ex-officio Member	Vacant	--

**OTHERS:**

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

**Originals and/or copies of agenda items of the meeting, including recorded votes are available on record in the office of the Public Works Department for one year. Video/DVD and audio tapes are kept only until the minutes have been approved for the meeting. DVD copies of this meeting are distributed to Board Members if requested.**

**Minutes**

A motion made by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Radetic to approve the minutes from the regular November 23, 2021 meeting. The motion passed without dissent.

## **Priority Items**

There are no priority items.

## **Wastewater**

Midwest Infrastructure Coatings – This Company comes in behind the slip-lining project and sprays and lines our manholes. We went out last year for a demonstration of the product. This is a continuation of what we are doing to help alleviate some of the I&I. We have a partial payment for the project. Insituform had to pull off at this time. We found there were some sections of pipe that either collapsed or had issues. We will have to dig up and repair or do spot repairs. We are in that phase right now. We are trying to get all the current bills caught up. Once we are done with our part, which is about seven (7) spots we need to work on. We will be putting many holes in the ground. If we do not start this week we will definitely start the following week, once locates are finished.

A motion made by Mr. Mitchell and second by Mr. Richardson to move this forward to Council. All in favor aye, all oppose none. The motion passed without dissent.

Everyone is aware that we are testing for COVID viruses that seem to continue in the Wastewater. We have been doing testing since about March 2021, we take samples every week. You may have seen this in the newspaper, if you got the electronic Emissourian update this morning. You would see that the Omicron variant is now in Washington wastewater. We are always going to have it; this is what is happening now. We just want to let you know the Omicron virus is in Washington wastewater. Testing will continue and we will do what we can. We use all the safety procedures that we can when we are working with wastewater. I talked with Mark Skornia about it and he seems to think it is not the true virus that is actually in the wastewater; it is just an indicator like a marker that the virus is there not like a raw virus floating around in the wastewater. So we do still take precautions, you never know, but this is what we are hearing. I have found no other information.

We get an email every week after the test results and what the numbers are, right now it's a 1.82%, some of the other communities that are testing are up in the number of like 69 point something percent. We are very low in the markers right now as to other communities.

Is testing done prior to treatment? Yes, we take a sample right out of the influent wet well. We actually put a 24-hour composite sampler that draws about a gallon of waste into it and then Gary at the treatment plant puts them in little vials. The newspaper said we do a gallon and a half. We do not send a gallon and a half off, we send the three (3) vials and they test out of those.

Do they test post treated? No, we do not, it would be nice to see how far it goes through the treatment but no. It is an indicator that it is in the community. We will continue to do this until DNR says we are done. There is no inconvenience on us. We drop the samples of at the health department. There is no cost to be a part of the information gathering.

**Water**

We have a Cochran bill from the water tower painting project. This is recommended for payment by staff. Current is \$13,200.00 and we are about half way complete. It is actually for the inspection while they are doing the painting. This is for the inspection of the Clay Street tower. The rest of the balance will carry over to Enduro.

A motion made by Mr. Richardson and second by Mr. Mitchell for approval. All in favor aye, all oppose none. The motion passed without dissent.

The water line over by the cement plant has not been replaced as of yet. It is still in the works. With the situation on the wastewater side because our crews both water and wastewater work together in order to do the work. We do not have enough water people to just do water. They work together right now to get the wastewater work done. When we are finished, we will move back to the water line. The water line will stay on the board until we get it replaced.

We have the Board of Public Works Meetings scheduled for the 2022 year, if you could look this over and see if anything might be a problem. There were some that changed a little bit due to the use of the Council Chambers but I think it will work.

Any other discussion – None.

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

The next scheduled meeting date is Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Mitchell. All in favor aye, those oppose, none. We are adjourned.

---

Prepared by: Beverly Hoyt  
Beverly Hoyt  
Water/Wastewater Secretary

Adopted and Approved by the Board of Public Works:

Date: 1/25/2022 Signature: MICHA DRS  
Secretary