

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Tuesday March 22, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works held on March 22, 2022 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	Mike Radetic	Present
Member	Brad Mitchell	Absent
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	Darren Lamb	Absent
Water/Wastewater Superintendent	Kevin Quaethem	Present
Water/Wastewater Admin. Asst.	Sarah Skeen	Present
Public Works Director	John Nilges	Absent
Assistant City Engineer	Andrea Lueken	Absent
Waste Water Foreman	Kerry Duke	Present
Water Foreman	Chad Alfermann	Present

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**Minutes**

A motion made by Mr. Radetic and seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held February 22, 2022 meeting. The motion passed without dissent.

## **Priority Items**

There are no priority items.

## **Wastewater**

There is nothing on the agenda but we are still trying to schedule with Insituform to get finished with our slip lining project. Everything is repaired and ready to go so hopefully we can get that scheduled this month or next month.

We did replace some sewer line on Johnson Street that we started last week and finished it up on Monday (March 21<sup>st</sup>). We had about 100 feet of sewer line that had a big swag in it. We ran a diversion straight into a manhole.

We are going to have to start testing the industrial monitoring (influent side) for fats, oils, and greases, total suspended solids (TSS), and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). We are going to have to start testing on the effluent side for Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). These samples get sent to PACE Industries (PDC Labs) and will be more time consuming and increase in costs, which is another reason why sewer rates will need to be raised; which haven't been raised since 2015. We got a notice from Salinas, a company that supplies our polymer to solidify our sludge, stating that there is going to be a fee increase. The cost of operation is continuing to rise due to inflation and COVID. We have no choice but to increase rates. We are going to wait until after the election.

We also need a couple more ex-officio's invited and approved by the Mayor before the election.

## **Water**

We have a bill from Cochran to finish out the Clay Street and Enduro painting process. The project is 80% complete. The bill is for \$1247.50. Motion made by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Radetic to approve the bill to be sent to council. The motion passed without dissent.

They started working on sandblasting Enduro water tower, which we are trying to finish within 60 days.

## **Other**

None

## **Old Business**

The Southpoint Water Storage Tank proposal package is the process of being putting together and sending it to Council April 4. Once Council approves it, we will proceed to go for bids and then we will see if it is cheaper to build it this spring or wait until the fall. Everything is ready to go. It is a matter of pricing. We are going to run the water line from the current line in Stonecrest which dead ends at the edge of the property and crosses underneath Southpoint. We will open cut it and the road district will come back and pave it once we are done. It takes about 4-6 months to build the tank depending on the weather.

A new Kubota skid loader and Tractor, ordered almost a year ago, are finally coming in. A John Deere rubber tired loader should be here in the middle of April. The current skid loader will go to the treatment plant to spread the sludge.

Sludge gets spread in the Fall, Winter, and Spring; usually 2-3 days a week. Summer time it slows down and we spread about once a week. It is weather dependent. We have an efficient treatment plant that generates a lot of sludge that has to be spread out in fields. There are DNR and EPA guidelines. We have test the soil for ammonia and phosphorus and other things. We can spread a couple of times and then we have to test again. We rotate the properties so that we do not spread too much on one field. There is not a problem getting farmers to take the sludge because of the cost of fertilizer is high. Ours is free so everybody wants it. However, we have a range; we can only go out a radius of 10 miles from the treatment plant. We can spread at the airport when we are in a bind. Since there is no farming done on that land, we can put quite a bit on that. We still have to test it but there is a different variable compared to farm ground.

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

The next scheduled meeting date is Tuesday April 26, 2022.

**Adjourn**

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

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Adopted and Approved by the Board of Public Works:

Date: April 26, 2022      Signature: MJWA DAS  
Secretary