

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Tuesday January 24, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works held on January 24, 2023 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
Vice Chairman	Brad Mitchell	Present
Secretary	Mike Radetic	Present
Member	Steve Richardson	Absent
Ex-officio Member	Steve Strubberg	Present
Ex-officio Member	Vacant	

**OTHERS:**

Council Representative	Mike Coulter	Present
Council Representative	Duane Reed	Absent
Mayor	James Hagedorn	Present
City Administrator	Darren Lamb	Absent
Public Works Director	John Nilges	Present
Public Works Superintendent	Kevin Quaethem	Present
Water/Wastewater Admin. Asst.	Sarah Skeen	Present
Assistant City Engineer	Andrea Lueken	Absent
Waste Water Foreman	Kerry Duke	Absent
Water Foreman	Dylan Voss	Absent

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**Minutes**

A motion made by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Strubberg to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held December 27, 2022 meeting. The motion passed without dissent.

## Priority Items

None

## Wastewater

We have an inspection today for our industrial monitoring permit. DNR will be out today at 8:30 and it will be all day. They may be back out tomorrow to do inspections at two industrial users in the system. They will go through all of our records at the treatment plant for all 15 of our industrial users. They will randomly pick two; they will walk in and he will say I want to see files for this industry and this industry and we will give them to him. He will look at how we manage the plant for all the industrial stuff. I made some changes in the middle of last year to help out with some of that stuff in the future. We will visit two industries tomorrow, we have already notified them. He will want to do an internal audit of the system to verify that we are following EPA's requirements for the industrial user permitting system to ensure that we discharge the safest water to the river. Once a year, DNR comes out to look at our records. You get use to it after a while, it's just another day but it's going to be long.

## Water

There is a bill for Cochran Engineering for the South Point groundwater storage tank. John and I met with them last week and we went over the site plan and all the information for the tank. It is going to go out for bid the first week in February. They were optimistic that we will get competitive bids. It was the right thing to do to hold off on the project because we did get some money from the county. I believe it was a million dollars from their ARPA funds. This is a huge deal for us because we were scrambling with the price increases.

A motion to pay Cochran in the amount of \$7,496.00 was made by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Strubberg. The motion passed without dissent.

Another Worldwide Industries pay request for the painting of the two water towers. Currently we owe \$28,500.00 for pay request #3. Both of the tanks are complete, they are both on the system and they all have mixing systems that help water quality and maintain our disinfection standards that we have to follow. We do still have some groundwork at Clay Street that has to be done. We are in contact with a couple of landscaping companies that we will get some quotes from. When we get those, I'll pass the lowest on to Worldwide and we will reduce the amount from the final payment and then we will have a local company come and do it rather than those guys try to send somebody from the East Coast to do the ground work.

A motion to pay Worldwide Industries in the amount of \$28,500.00 was made by Mr. Radetic and seconded by Mr. Strubberg. The motion passed without dissent.

## Other

The new camera system that was approved for purchase is working wonderfully. We were able to use it yesterday to show a resident where they had a collapsed line in their service lateral. So it's going to help out the city on both sides. The city as far as the city is concerned and the residents as far as we can pinpoint their problems a lot better and help them out where they have to do their work. It's a great investment in our system, we use that camera at least three times a week. We televised a storm drain for the street department just the other day. It saves a lot of digging up

looking for stuff. It saves a lot of back and forth with the residents because anytime somebody has a sewer back up obviously you know they point at us. A lot of the times, it is typically not the city system that has failed. It is typically the property owners. This camera helps us to prove our position. It makes it easier to communicate.

I want to give a quick update on the sewer lateral program that we had implemented last year. It's been one year, January, council approved that moving forward. We had about 16 people take advantage of that last year, which is a really good number. Everyone has been really appreciative of that and remember that gets paid for out of the stormwater fund, but it positively affects the wastewater system by identifying stormwater infiltration and inflow. We have not found any downspout connections and/or sump pumps at this time. I am not surprised, a lot of them were just a little bit south of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, which I wouldn't expect too many of those situations right now. It seems to me that the interest is ramping up and that the plumbing community would latch on to this and you see these laterals are getting replaced. I just want to let you know that a lot of positives come out of this. As a matter of fact, the resident that we found their problem yesterday will probably be talking to John about utilizing that program. I am going to have a video next month on the big screen so you guys can see what it does.

### **Old Business**

None

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

The next scheduled meeting date is Tuesday February 28, 2023.

**Adjourn**

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

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Adopted and Approved by the Board of Public Works:

Date: Feb 28, 2023 Signature: M/E H/A 005  
Secretary