

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Tuesday April 23, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works held on March 23, 2024 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	Absent
Member	Steve Richardson	Present
Ex-officio Member	Steve Strubberg	Present
Ex-officio Member	Vacant	

OTHERS:

Council Representative	Mike Coulter	Present
Council Representative	Chad Briggs	Absent
Mayor	James Hagedorn	Absent
City Administrator	Darren Lamb	Absent
Public Works Superintendent	Kevin Quaethem	Present
Water/Wastewater Admin. Asst.	Theresa Lamke	Present
Interim City Engineer	Charles Stankovic	Present
Assistant City Engineer	Andrea Lueken	Absent
Waste Water Foreman	Kerry Duke	Present
Water Foreman	Dylan Voss	Absent
GIS Engineering		

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Minutes

A motion made by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held March 26, 2024 meeting. The motion passed without dissent.

Priority Items

Wastewater

Wastewater side, we do have our line completed in Brookview of our collapsed creek crossing. We put in an inadvertent sewer line. Instead of putting it across the creek again and having that happen in maybe 10, 15 years, we went down through the creek and into the manhole. We actually have a sewer line that goes from up here at about 35 feet down through the creek and then comes up about 5 feet back into the manhole. It was actually Kurt Unnerstall who came up with the idea. He had remembered in one of his engineering classes that he had learned something about inverted sewer lines. Kurt looked into it and did some looking and looking and brought it to me. We had already been operating an inverted sewer for almost a year because that's how the sewer was repaired, because we don't know the only way we had to repair it. I knew it would work; we took that to Cochrane, and they looked over it and looked over it, and we all got back together and thought, It's a good idea. That's actually saved us some money. It is working and flowing just like it should.

Plants are okay. Plants going good. It's all working good. Todd Blanc down there is doing great on the industrial monitoring stuff. He's bringing the industries into a lot more compliance. Now, they were always in compliance, but there's some things that they were just a little out of. Todd's bringing them all into compliance, which is good for us because when we have our inspection again next year, we'll actually be even better off. The goal is to not have the Department of Natural Resources come in and find anything that we're doing wrong. That's moving forward good. That's always the goal is to have that happen.

Water

We have a couple of bills to pay. We've got one from KJ, Pay request number 7 for \$7,839.64. Yes, that is for the work out at the South Point tank. They're to the point where they're supposed to be doing it this week. They didn't start yesterday, so maybe they'll start today. To finish, do what we call the final grade, the finish grade. It'll be nice and flat and rocked and everything. Then once that is done, the tank will be complete. Right now, the tank is online. It's been online now for about two weeks. It's floating on the system, which means it's staying at the same elevation basically as all the rest of them. We're running about... We average about 75 feet in that tank. Tried to overflow it. We can't overflow it. It just wouldn't overflow. It just won't. We don't have to worry about that. But we've got about 75 feet average in the tank, and it's a 79-foot overflow. We're three quarters of the way full, roughly, all parked. Is that going to improve some of the water pressure problems out there? No. It won't do anything? It's not going to change water pressure out there, but what it does is it gives them a million gallons of stored

water for fire protection, which they had part of 500,000 gallons prior to the tank being built. And water quality is going to stay the same. It'll stay good just like it is.

We've got an invoice from KJ Unerstall for some things at the water tank. Well, motion to approve. Motion to approve, and a second, and the two Aye. Aye.

Moved and seconded to pay, Callwell Bank, \$93,490. All in favor, Aye. Aye. Opposed? Motion carries. Send that on to Council.

We are looking at doing a ribbon cutting for the South Point Water Tank. We've never done that before for a tank. Because the county is involved in it, we're going to do a ribbon cutting thing. We're looking for them to do it on the 15th of May. Just going to see if everybody was It's going to be available or not. Only if we can all wear blue shirts that match the color of the tower. If we can find blue shirts that match the color of the tower. It was going to be somewhere around 4:00 in the afternoon so that we can get the people that need to be there. 4:00, 4:30, something like that. Sounds great. How about Thursday? That's fine. Then we'll shoot for the 16th then. Once we get to finalize, you guys get an invitation, an email, and an Well, calendar invite.

I was going to say, are we hearing anything about the water, Theresa has? Well, yeah, we have. We've heard calls about the wastewater, the sewer increases. Theresa has been doing a great job of working with the residents. And Theresa, I'd say probably, what, 95% of them we're working with our people that have just high usage that we've been able to use our meter system and look back and say, "Well, we can see through this time that you obviously had a toilet leak or something going on". As Theresa has been talking with them, that's usually what they find is that we had a toilet leak; we're working with them to get their bills down to what they should be. Using other usage history, not just saying, Okay, we're going to drop it to this. We use other usage history to see that, Then we had a little hiccup when our winter rate usage changed, and there were some homes, I guess. Was it all of them or just a few of them? When we changed the winter usage, it didn't recalculate; we had some, we are fixing that one. - It was just maybe a date issue. Of the 5,500 customers, maybe 8 %. We do have a high turnaround rate as far as moving and moveouts. But we've contacted them with changing their rates.

I suspect that this summer when people start turning on some of their sprinkler systems, they'll see some changes, too. No. Well, not on the sewer side because we use our winter rates and we charge the winter rate all year long. Okay. I'm thinking the water. Now the water, yes. They'll notice a little bit there. But we've already had our water rates been in for what, three years now, I do believe. We've already been through that. It's just the sewer. This first adjustment was the biggest one. But, yes, we have had some calls and we've had some Facebook posts and we've had all the other good stuff, the social media stuff. But Theresa has done a great job of working with them and getting the people lined up to where they need to be, most of them.

Are there any plans Are there any water or sewer line replacements on Third Street as they are going through that project? Third Street, we didn't replace any water lines because we look at how many water main breaks we've had on a street before we make the decision to replace them. Third Street has been a pretty quiet one through that stretch there where they're working on having water main breaks. We could have, but I'd rather put the money on water lines into the really aged water system, which is the downtown area, Second Street, the Main Street, the Front Street, that area. I'm trying to get as much of that done because that is our older... All is over here is our over 100-year-old water line. How much longer are we going to be in the construction zone down there, you think? On Second Street? I think they're wrapping Second Street up pretty good. Charles, aren't they wrapping Second Street? Second Street is done. Yeah, it's done. The next one I think we're moving to is Main Street or is it Front Street? Front Street. Yeah, Front Street, and then back to Main Street.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 28 , 2024 .

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Brad Mitchell and seconded Steve Richardson. The motion passed.

Prepared by: _____
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Water/Wastewater
Administrative Assistant

Adopted and Approved by the Board of Public Works:

Date: _____ Signature: _____
Secretary