

## MINUTES

**TOWN OF YORKVILLE  
SEWER COMMISSION  
YORKVILLE WATER UTILITY PLANT  
1400 GRANDVIEW PARKWAY  
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014**

### **Call to Order**

Sewer Commission President Peter Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

The following Sewer Commission members were present: Peter Hansen, Sherry Gruhn, Terrence McMahon and Thomas Johnson. Lawrence Robers was absent. Also present were Sewer Utility Manager Gary Hanson, Engineer Mark Madsen and Clerk-Treasurer Michael McKinney.

### **Approval of Minutes**

***Motion (McMahon, Gruhn) to approve the April 21, 2014 Sewer Commission meeting minutes as submitted, Motion Carried (MC).***

### **Financial Report**

***Motion (Gruhn, Johnson) to approve the April Sewer Utility financial report as submitted, MC.***

### **Approval of Sewer Utility Invoices**

***Motion (McMahon, Gruhn) to approve Sewer Utility invoices in the amount of \$14,842.74, MC.***

### **New and Unfinished Business – Discussion and possible action on all of the following**

#### **Sewer service rate change update**

Hanson noted that he has been working with Madsen on an updated list of sewer rate charges for residential and commercial customers. He added that, given the budget deficits for the Sewer Utility over the past few years, the quarterly residential equivalent unit would need to increase from \$120.00 per quarter to \$480.00 per quarter for the Sewer Utility to have a balanced budget. He noted that any change would impact each commercial customer differently, causing some quarterly charges to increase and others to decrease. The Commission discussed various options regarding the future of the Sewer Utility, including whether operation of the Utility could be transferred to another municipality. The Commission considered whether they should order an engineering study to determine the costs involved in decommissioning the existing sewer treatment plant. Hanson noted that he could review the current budget to identify areas where expenditures could be decreased, such as for sludge disposal and sewer system maintenance. McMahon recommended that revenues be increased but felt that any increase should only be implemented gradually to

lessen the impact on customers. He also recommended that the Commission meet with customers later this year to explain why these rates may need to be raised a second time in less than two years. Hansen recommended that Hanson and Madsen work on a scaled-back sewer service rate change with a planned implementation date of January 1, 2015.

***No formal action was taken by the Sewer Commission on this agenda item.***

#### **Sewer issues related to Allesee Orthodontic Appliances, 13931 Spring Street**

Hanson noted that he was contacted by Allesee Orthodontic Appliances regarding ongoing sewer backups affecting their property. He added that a portion of the sewer main in front of the property was plugged earlier this year because it was believed to be unused. He noted that when the plug was removed, the backups subsided but reappeared a few days later. He added that PATS Services attempted to clean and televise the sewer lateral to the property but could not find any blockages. He noted that Reesman's Excavating then installed a cleanout on the lateral and added that Feltner's Sewer and Drain Service televised the lateral again and identified a blockage in the lateral about 25 feet from the building.

***No formal action was taken by the Sewer Commission on this agenda item.***

#### **Request from a representative of David and Joseph Borzynski regarding inclusion of the property located at 2200 South Sylvania Avenue in the Yorkville Sewer Utility's service area**

Hanson informed the Commission that he has been contacted several times regarding whether sewer service can be extended to the Borzynski property at 2200 South Sylvania Avenue. He added that he has provided information to the requesting parties regarding the process involved in extending sewer service to this property. The Commission also discussed whether Tax Incremental Financing authority could be extended to the Town of Yorkville to help finance the extension of sewer service to this property.

***No formal action was taken by the Sewer Commission on this agenda item.***

#### **Resolution 01-2014 Adopting the Findings of the 2013 Sewer Utility Compliance Maintenance Annual Report**

Hanson provided a summary of this report to the Commission. He noted that no deficiencies or problems were identified within any part of this report.

***Motion (Hansen, McMahon) to approve Resolution 01-2014 as submitted, MC.***

#### **Reports**

**Sewer Utility Manager's Report:** Hanson provided his report to the Sewer Commission. He noted that the Utility has begun to conduct its effluent toxicity testing. He informed the Commission that the new portable manhole sampler has arrived. He noted that the sewer cleaning and manhole chimney sealing has been completed.

**Engineer's Report:** Madsen provided his report to the Sewer Commission. He informed the Commission that he plans to begin manhole sampling after Memorial Day and will sample two

manholes at a time. He noted that he is still communicating with the project leader of the I-94/STH 20 reconstruction project regarding the directional boring to be done near the I-94/STH 20 interchange.

**Clerk's Report:** McKinney provided his report to the Sewer Commission. He provided an update on the receivership status of the Travelodge Hotel and Captain's Cove Seafood Bar and Grill to the Commission. He noted that both the Sewer and Water Utilities can assess any unpaid sewer and water balances to the tax bills for these two properties at the end of this year.

#### **Other – Comments, questions and suggestions**

No comments, questions or suggestions were provided.

#### **Adjournment**

***Motion (Johnson, Gruhn) to adjourn, MC.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. The next scheduled Sewer Commission meeting is Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Michael McKinney  
*Clerk-Treasurer*