

MINUTES

**TOWN OF YORKVILLE
WATER COMMISSION
TOWN BOARD ROOM
UNION GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014**

Call to Order

Water Commission President Peter Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion (Gruhn, McMahon) to approve the May 20, 2014 Water Commission meeting minutes as submitted, Motion Carried (MC).

Financial Report

Motion (McMahon, Johnson) to approve the May Water Utility financial report as submitted, MC.

Approval of Water Utility Invoices

Hansen asked about the Reesman's Excavating and Grading invoice for water service work done at 611 South Sylvania Avenue. Hanson noted that this charge is for the repair of a water service line damaged by a contractor installing a natural gas line. He added that the contractor was billed for the cost of the repair. Hansen asked about the USA Bluebook invoice for hydrant converters and service markers. Hanson noted that the hydrant converters are \$168.00 apiece and are adapters used by the Fire Department to reduce the time necessary to connect to a fire hydrant. He added that service markers are \$30.00 apiece and are used to make water service lines easier to locate, especially when snow is on the ground.

Motion (Hansen, Johnson) to approve Water Utility invoices in the amount of \$18,358.97, MC.

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

Racine Water Utility and Yorkville Water Utility District Temporary Water Supply agreement

Hanson noted that Municipal Well and Pump plans to begin reinstalling the well pump on July 7, adding that the Water Utility will be without a functioning well pump for a minimum of 60 hours. He added that all customers will be contacted before work begins to request that

they conserve water while work takes place. He noted that he contacted Municipal Well and Pump for a quote to provide an emergency water supply via potable water tankers, adding that Municipal Well and Pump proposed to haul in water for \$35,000.00, which would cover the time period that the well pump is being replaced. He noted that he also contacted the Racine Water Utility for an estimate to run a temporary water line from their nearest water supply point under I-94 to the Water Utility's distribution system. He added that the Racine Water Utility forwarded a contract to the Water Commission for this project. He noted that the Racine Water Utility initially offered to provide this service for \$86,000.00 but added that they withdrew their offer when they later determined that such a connection is not permitted. Hanson recommended that the Water Commission approve the quote provided by Municipal Well and Pump, noting that he would monitor the water level in the water tower and would only contact Municipal Well and Pump if the water level reached a critical level.

Motion (McMahon, Gruhn) to direct the Water Utility Manager to establish a temporary water hauling agreement with Municipal Well and Pump to provide potable water, if necessary, to the Yorkville Water Utility during the reinstallation of the Water Utility's well pump, at a cost of up to \$35,000.00, MC.

Sprint proposal for equipment upgrades at the water tower site

Hanson noted that Dixon Engineering is still reviewing the Sprint proposal and added that Dixon has yet to approve several minor changes to the proposal.

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

Rescheduling the July 15, 2014 Water Commission meeting

McKinney noted that he would still be on vacation on July 15. The Water Commission agreed to reschedule their July 15, 2014 meeting to take place immediately following the conclusion of the 5:30 p.m. Sewer Commission meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2014.

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

Reports

Water Utility Manager's Report: Hanson provided his report to the Water Commission. He noted that he received complaints several weeks ago from the businesses at 390 South Sylvania Avenue and 14001 Washington Avenue regarding water discoloration issues. He added that this discoloration could have resulted from several events that occurred around the same time, including removal and replacement of the damaged well pump, a temporary drawdown at the water tower due to the work on the damaged well pump, withdrawal of 100,000 gallons from a hydrant by the Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department, or hydrant usage related to the I-94/STH 20 reconstruction project. Madsen noted that he spoke to a I-94 project representative, who informed him that water has not been withdrawn from the Utility's hydrants for this project. Hanson noted that he flushed hydrants after receiving these complaints to flush any sediment from the system. He also discussed the need to closely monitor hydrant use to prevent unauthorized hydrant access.

Engineer's Report: Madsen noted that he had no information to report to the Water Commission.

Clerk's Report: McKinney provided his report to the Water Commission. He noted that Water Utility bills will be mailed at the end of the month.

Other – Comments, questions and suggestions

No comments, questions or suggestions were provided.

Adjournment

Motion (Gruhn, Johnson) to adjourn, MC. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Water Commission meeting is immediately following the conclusion of the 5:30 p.m. Sewer Commission meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2014.

Michael McKinney
Clerk-Treasurer