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**City of Merrill
Water & Sewage Disposal Committee
Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.
Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 1004 East First Street**

Members Present (3 of 3): Alderman Rob Norton (Chairperson), Alderman John Burgener and Alderwoman Kandy Peterson.

Others Present Included: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Utility Superintendent Kim Kriewald and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

Call to order

Alderman Norton called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Vouchers

Motion (Burgener/Peterson) to approve the vouchers. Carried.

Consider adjustment to water and sewer service fees for 2015

Information was in the meeting packet. Finance Director Unertl is proposing an increase in water and sewer service fees for 2015. Utility Superintendent Kriewald reported that there is typically an annual increase of approximately 3% for these types of services. Increases of more than 3% for certain services are being proposed for 2015, due to state mandates related to certain materials.

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Motion (Norton/Peterson) to approve the water & sewer service fee increases for 2015 as presented. Carried.

Amend lease agreement @ East Street Water Tower

Information was in the meeting packet. City Administrator Johnson had requested that this item be placed on the agenda.

City Administrator Johnson reported that New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC currently has a lease agreement with the City that allows them to house telecommunications equipment on the East Street Water Tower. New Cingular Wireless is now proposing an amendment to the lease agreement, to lease a small amount of additional space on the tower to house more equipment. Initially, they offered to pay \$200 more per month to house this additional equipment.

City Administrator Johnson countered by asking for \$300 per month, and New Cingular Wireless agreed to this amount. City Administrator Johnson recommends approval of the amendment.

This item was also discussed at the November 19th, 2014 Board of Public Works meeting. At that meeting, the Board of Public Works recommended approving the amendment to the lease agreement.

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Motion (Peterson/Burgener) to approve, as presented, the amendment to the current lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. The agreement allows them to house telecommunications equipment on the East Street Water Tower. The amendment would result in the City receiving an additional \$300 per month as part of the agreement. Carried.

Operations Report

The report was in the meeting packet. Utility Superintendent Kriewald reported that the bio-solids shed is normally empty at this time of year, but this year, because of snow cover, it is still ¼ full. He hopes this will not cause overflow problems in the spring.

Public Comment

None.

Next meeting

Wednesday, January 21st, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Motion (Burgener/Peterson) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:04 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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City Clerk