



# CITY OF MERRILL

## WATER & SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES • WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2015

**Regular Meeting**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**5:00 PM**

I. Call to Order

Alderman Norton called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

Motion (Peterson/Norton) to note that Alderman Burgener is excused from the meeting. Carried.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kandy Peterson	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
John Burgener	Aldersperson - Fifth District & President	Excused	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Utility Superintendent Kim Kriewald, Alderman Dave Sukow and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Vouchers:

1. Vouchers

Motion (Peterson/Norton) to approve the vouchers.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

III. Agenda items:

1. Consider Water and Sewer Service Fee increases for 2016. All increases are approximately 3%.

Information was in the meeting packet.

Finance Director Unertl clarified that these increases are not an increase to utility rates, but rather an increase to various service fees. This is typically done annually. All increases are approximately 3%.

Motion (Peterson/Norton) to recommend approving the increases.

**RESULT: APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL Next: 11/10/2015 7:00 PM**

2. Consider additional allocation to Sewer Replacement Fund.

Information was in the meeting packet.

Based on the pending expenditure for new blower units and the improved Sewer Fund cash flow, Finance Director Unertl recommends an additional \$200,000 allocation into the dedicated Sewer Replacement Fund. This would bring the balance in the Sewer Replacement Fund to approximately \$900,000.

The committee voiced no objections to the additional allocation.

### 3. Information on blower replacement at Wastewater Treatment Plant.

No information was in the meeting packet. Utility Superintendent Kriewald provided a verbal report on the pending project to replace blowers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This will be funded via the Equipment Replacement Fund. Optimistically, \$29,000 will be received via Focus on Energy to help with the cost of this critical project.

### 4. Operations Report

The report was in the meeting packet.

City Administrator Johnson mentioned that he has heard complaints regarding the taste of the water at the Prairie River Middle School. Utility Superintendent Kriewald replied that he had not received any recent complaints regarding the water quality or taste at that school.

### IV. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

### V. Establish date, time and location of next meeting

To be announced.

### VI. Adjournment

Motion (Peterson/Norton) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:20 P.M.