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**City of Merrill  
Water & Sewage Disposal Committee  
Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.  
Basement Conference Room, City Hall, 1004 East First Street**

Members Present (2 of 3): Alderman John Burgener (Chairperson) and Alderwoman Kandy Peterson. Alderman Rob Norton had an excused absence.

Others Present: Mayor Bill Bialecki, Utility Superintendent Kim Kriewald, Alderman Steve Hass, Alderman Dave Sukow, Tonia Speener and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

**Call to order**

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

**Vouchers**

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

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

**Consider hiring an intern at the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Utility Superintendent Kriewald reported that, in 2012, approval was given to hire an intern from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to work during the summer of 2012. Utility Superintendent Kriewald is requesting that the hiring of an intern again be approved for the summer of 2013. If approved, the intern position will be offered to the same person who worked as an intern in 2012.

Motion (Peterson/Burgener) to approve the request from Utility Superintendent Kriewald to hire a person to work as an intern at the Wastewater Treatment Plant during the summer of 2013. Carried.

No Common Council action on the motion is necessary.

**Consider hiring summer help for the utilities**

Utility Superintendent Kriewald reported that, in 2012, approval was given to hire one person (summer help) to work for the utilities. Utility Superintendent Kriewald is requesting that the hiring of one person again be approved for the summer of 2013.

Motion (Burgener/Peterson) to approve the request from Utility Superintendent Kriewald to hire one person to work for the utilities during the summer of 2013. Carried.

No Common Council action on the motion is necessary.

### **Discuss tower maintenance at East Street water tower**

Information was in the meeting packet. Inspections of both water towers were conducted in 2012. Based on these inspections, the inspectors have submitted four tower maintenance options, as follows:

1. Paint the interior and proceed with the repairs at the East Street tower.
2. Delay all tower maintenance work for one year.
3. Plan and budget for repairs and painting at both towers, along with replacement of the expansion joints at the Taylor Street tower.
4. Do the necessary repairs and paint both the interior and exterior of the tank at only the East Street tower. Delay any painting/repair at the Taylor Street tower until 2017.

Utility Superintendent Kriewald explained that this item was on the agenda for discussion only, and that no final decision is necessary at this time.

Utility Superintendent Kriewald was directed to obtain quotes related to option #4. This item will be placed on the April meeting agenda.

### **Operations Report**

The report was in the meeting packet. Utility Superintendent Kriewald reported that the plans for the upcoming East Main Street project (Cleveland Street to the dead end) have been submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Next meeting**

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.

### **Adjournment**

Motion (Peterson/Burgener) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:18 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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City Clerk