



CITY OF MERRILL

WATER & SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES • WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2016

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM

I. Call to Order

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

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

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Utility Superintendent Kim Kriewald, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Robert Locke and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Vouchers

1. Vouchers

Motion (Burgener/Peterson) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Agenda Items:

1. Discussion and recommendation on potential water bill adjustment for Robert & Susan Locke at 108 S. Prospect St.

Information was in the meeting packet.

Based on a water bill that seems unusually high, Robert Locke has contacted the water utility and asked for help resolving the situation as well as requesting a partial refund on that bill. Robert Locke appeared at the meeting, answered questions and provided verbal information.

Utility Superintendent Kriewald responded that research by the water utility did not indicate any type of leak. He acknowledged that the water usage did occur, and that perhaps it was the result of the water passing through an outside hose.

It was noted that the water consumption has now returned to a more normal level, verifying that there is no leak. Utility Superintendent Kriewald explained that there is nothing the utility can do at this time, in light of the fact there is no evidence of a leak. He added that consideration of a refund would be the responsibility of the committee.

City Administrator Johnson commented that a refund is not typically considered in cases where there is no evidence of a leak.

Motion (Burgener/Peterson) to authorize, per utility policy, a one-time refund of \$70.25 on the last 2015 water bill for Robert & Susan Locke, 108 S. Prospect Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

2. Operations Report

The report was in the meeting packet.

Utility Superintendent Kriewald reported that work continues on adding credits cards as an option for paying water bills. A formal presentation on that will be made at a future meeting.

IV. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

V. Establish date, time and location of next meeting

Wednesday, February 24th, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VI. Adjournment

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