



CITY OF MERRILL

WATER & SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES • WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

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
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Osness	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Mayor Derek Woellner, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Preliminary Items

1. August Vouchers

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Osness/Norton) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Discussion & recommendation on revising Ordinance Sec 38-214, to address Sand & Grease Trap Installation requirements

Language for a proposed ordinance was in the meeting packet.

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel explained that the proposed ordinance would included granting the Water Utility the authority to conduct their own inspections at facilities that require sand and/or grease traps.

Motion (Osness/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL Next: 10/9/2018 7:00 PM

2. Discussion & recommendation on revising Ordinance Chapter 2, Article IV, Sec 2-81, Standing Committees, to address combining Board of Public Works and Water & Sewer Committee

The proposed ordinance was in the meeting packet.

This item was initially discussed at the September 26th, 2018 Board of Public Works meeting. At that meeting, the Board of Public Works took no action.

No action was taken.

3. Discussion & recommendation on request from Pecha Septic Service to be allowed to dispose of septic/holding tank wastes at the Merrill Wastewater Treatment Plant

A copy of the permit application was in the meeting packet.

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reported that this is an Antigo firm and that he has no concerns with the application.

If approved, no Common Council action is necessary.

Motion (Norton/Osness) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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IV. Monthly Report

1. Operations Report

The report was in the meeting packet.

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reviewed the report.

The possibility of changing to monthly utility billing was discussed. It was noted that monthly billing would result in additional costs. However, some customers might prefer monthly billing, because they would receive smaller monthly bills rather than a bigger quarterly bill.

Alderman Norton suggested using a questionnaire and/or survey to get feedback on whether customers would prefer the current quarterly billing policy or would rather be billed on a monthly basis.

V. Public Comment Period

None.

VI. Establish date, time and location of next meeting

Wednesday, October 24th, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. Adjournment

Motion (Osness/Norton) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:09 P.M.