



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**WATER & SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES • WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, 2019**

**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	
Steve Hass	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	

Also in attendance: Mayor Derek Woellner, Street Commissioner Ron Liberty, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Facilities Maintenance Manager Nick Wszalek (arr. 5:14 P.M.) and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A representative from Merrill Productions was present to videotape the meeting.

II. Preliminary Items

1. May Vouchers

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

III. Agenda Items for Consideration

1. 2020 Capital Requests

Information on the requests was in the meeting packet. There were four requests, and they were addressed as follows:

Digester Roof (\$25,000)

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve the request, and refer it to the Committee of the Whole for consideration as part of the 2020 Capital Budget process. Motion carried.

Primary Effluent Pump #2 (\$20,000)

Motion (Hass/Norton) to approve the request, and refer it to the Committee of the Whole for consideration as part of the 2020 Capital Budget process. Motion carried.

Water Tower (\$400,000 for 2020 budget, \$1,350,000 for 2021 budget)

Motion (Norton) to approve the request, and refer it to the Committee of the Whole for consideration as part of the 2020 Capital Budget process. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey was directed to provide additional information at the July meeting, at which discussion on this request will continue. No action was taken at this time.

Wisconsin Street Lift Station Pumps (\$25,000)

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve the request, and refer it to the Committee of the Whole for consideration as part of the 2020 Capital Budget process. Motion carried.

**IV. Monthly Report****1. Operations Report**

The report (as follows) was in the meeting packet.

- Working on all the Diggers Tickets that have been coming in - higher volume than normal
- Annual CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) and newsletter has been completed & mailed out
- Have had a couple of service leaks that we have repaired
- Maintenance work continues at both the utility warehouse & the wastewater treatment plant.
- Both Towers A & B have been calibrated; tree stumps have been removed at the warehouse
- Sewer televising continues prior to construction in areas where construction is anticipated
- Transformer near Well #5 went out - generator kicked in & there were no problems caused

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel verbally reviewed the report.

**V. Public Comment Period**

On behalf of the Merrill Lions, Ron Liberty mentioned there were recent water-related issues at the Merrill Lions Stand at the Festival Grounds. Those issues have been addressed.

**VI. Establish date, time & location of next meeting**

Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

**VII. Adjournment**

Motion (Hass/Osness) to adjourn. Adjourned at 5:17 P.M. (No vote on the motion was taken).