



CITY OF MERRILL

WATER & SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES • WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28, 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	Alderman - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Osness	Alderman - Fourth District	Present	
Steve Hass	Alderman - Second District	Present	

Also in attendance: Mayor Derek Woellner (arr. 5:03), City Administrator Dave Johnson, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Street Commissioner Ron Liberty, Alderman Steve Sabatke, Al Wix, LaDonna Fermanich and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A representative from Merrill Productions was present to videotape the meeting.

II. Preliminary Items

1. July Vouchers

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Consider including new water tower for 2020 Capital Requests

Information was in the meeting packet.

Motion (Osness/Hass) to postpone indefinitely.

Alderman Osness stated that he is not in favor of a tower at this time, primarily because it would involve additional borrowing.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey stated that there is a need for a new tower and funding is favorable at this time. Alderman Norton stated that he is also in favor of a new tower.

RESULT: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

2. Review updated pricing information on WI Street Liftstation 2020 Capital Request

Information was in the meeting packet.

At a meeting on June 26th, 2019, the Water and Sewage Disposal Committee approved the capital request, and referred it to the Committee of the Whole for consideration as part of the 2020 Capital Budget process. At that time, the estimated cost was \$25,000.

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reported that, based on additional information, the estimated cost is now \$34,500.

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve the request with the amended estimated cost and refer it to the 2020 Capital Budget process.

RESULT: REFER TO BUDGET PROCESS

IV. **Monthly Report**

1. **Operations Report**

The report was in the meeting packet.

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reviewed the report.

V. **Public Comment**

Alderman Sabatke inquired as to the status of lead service line locations.

Alderman Norton replied that there is currently a three-block area that contains lead service lines.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey noted that it has been suggested that offering a low-interest loan could be a method of addressing lead service line replacements for residential cases.

There are an estimated 22 cases at this time. Most of them involve the area from the “stop” to the water-main. In those cases, the City would bear the financial responsibility for replacement.

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

Wednesday, September 25th, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. on the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. **Adjournment**

Motion (Hass/Osness) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:10 P.M.