



CITY OF MERRILL

WATER & SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES • WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM

I. Call to Order

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Steve Osness	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
Mike Rick	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Mark Weix	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Dale Bacher and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A representative from Merrill Productions was present to videotape the meeting.

II. Preliminary Items

1. July Vouchers
2. August Vouchers

Motion (Rick/Weix) to approve the July and August vouchers.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Discussion & recommendation on request from Dave's Septic 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 he has no concerns with the application as submitted.

Motion (Rick/Weix) to approve the permit application.

RESULT: APPROVED

2. 2021 Capital Request - addition of Trailer Mounted Dewatering Pump

Information on the capital request was in the meeting packet.

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reported on the request. The estimated cost of the pump is \$37,000 and the estimated useful life is 30 years.

The justification for the request is as follows:

With the higher capacity pump we could pump out the aeration, primary and clarification tanks for maintenance faster. It will also be used during emergencies at the treatment plant and lift stations. The Street Department would use it during heavy rain events. We would be able to divert the wastewater in the interceptor to clean and inspect it before we have it lined.

Motion (Weix/Rick) to forward this request to the 2021 Capital Budget process.

RESULT:	CARRIED
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3. Discussion on Jokin Joe's Bait Shop, 1000 W Main St

Information was in the meeting packet.

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel reported that he had requested this agenda item to keep the committee informed on this issue. He explained that he has notified the owner of Jokin Joe's Bait Shop of plumbing-related violations at 1000 W. Main Street. It appears that, to date, the owner has not taken any action to address these issues. At this time, the owner is at risk of receiving citation(s).

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel noted that this meeting agenda was mailed to the owner of Jokin Joe's, but the owner did not appear at the meeting.

No action was necessary, requested or taken at this time.

IV. Monthly Report

1. Operations Report

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reviewed the report, as follows:

Water treatment filter inspection has been completed
Gate valve repairs
Hydrant flushing for fall completed
Root cutting the sewer mains
Testing for COVID-19 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

V. Public Comment Period

None.

VI. Establish date, time and location of next meeting

Wednesday, October 28th, 2020 at 5:15 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. Adjournment

Motion (Weix/Rick) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:14 P.M.