

MINUTES OF THE UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Call to Order

The Utility Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Kevin Coffey, Chair

Roll Call

PRESENT: Kevin Coffey, Chair

Tom Buchholz

Mike Vanden Berg

Ken Verstegen

EXCUSED: Jessica Schultz

ALSO PRESENT: Kent Taylor, Lisa Remiker-Dewall, Beau Bernhoft, Jerry Verstegen with MCO

Public Appearance for Items Not on the Agenda

None

Approval of Minutes from the Utility Commission Meeting of October 17, 2023

Moved by T. Buchholz, seconded by K. Coffey to Approve Minutes from the Utility Commission of October 17, 2023.

All Ayes – Motion Carried

Discussion – Nestle Meter Update

Director Taylor and Director Lisa Remiker-Dewall provided updated information. Director Taylor stated they are going to put one of our meters downstream as a secondary test as we have obtained meters that we were using to help us identify I & I issues but will take one of these meters to use as validation process. Will continue to update the committee.

Discussion/Action – Lead Level Exceedance Steps

Jerry Verstegan with MCO, provided overview and education steps required by EPA and DNR. Explained it is done every three years and explained how sample is drawn. Jerry Verstegan explained corrosion control process and explained where the lead comes from in the water system, not the wells but from plumbing in homes or services. Could also come from lead solder connecting pipes that was allowed for longer periods of time so could be in newer homes. Jerry gave history of when we changed in 1991 to sodium silicate as it works well with iron. Polyphosphates treat lead better. Some streets were closed for construction this year, could be a factor. This triggers testing, public education and corrosion study. Jerry Verstegan discussed the process of running water before using for drinking or cooking. Filters or aerator can assist as well. He then went over public education and what we are doing. Reminded the commission that 81% of Village are not impacted on this. Currently finishing up audit of our system to relay where all lead locations are. Described the corrosion study that must be completed. DNR will recommend to move to a polyphosphate. We can do voluntary retesting. Move from 30 to 60 samples. If they come below, then the public education goes away. If the second testing comes back under six months later then corrosion study goes away. Looking into option for cost assistance for this but need PSC approval since you cannot use public dollars to provide this. Likely to not be available until 2026. Expecting DNR will reduce in future amount down to 10 parts per billion in future.) Ken Verstegen thanked all for the extra work.

Progress Reports

MCO Operations - Update Gave info on Rural Water Conference March 26-29, 2024 AWAA in in September of 2024 if commission is interested

Director of Public Works - Utilities are in on all construction projects, WDOT improvement plan for I41 planning work is done (minimal work). Questions raised on future expansion needs to get in now if possible to minimize costs

Finance Director - Delinquent Tax Bill Special Charges audit of commercial, industrial and public authority accounts letters sent out resulting in over \$10K of charges recouped, will work on private fire line and residential as well.

Approval of Vouchers

Moved by T. Buchholz, seconded by K. Coffey, to Approve and Authorize payment of Vouchers and draw from the respective funds.

All Ayes – Motion Carried

Unfinished Business

Items for Future Agendas

Potential to change time of meeting to 5p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by K. Coffey seconded by T. Buchholz to Adjourn Utility Commission Meeting at 6:51 p.m.

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

Attest: Laurie Decker By: Kevin Coffey
Laurie Decker, Village Clerk

Kevin Coffey, Chair