HIAWATHA WATER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairperson Patrick White in the Council Chambers. Members present were Troy Andersen and Carl Ransford. Absent was Gary Casady. Also present was Water Superintendent Marty Recker, Water Clerk II Sara Ries, Engineer Loren Leach and Council Liaison Steve Dodson. Roll was called.

Carl Ransford moved the approval of the agenda. Troy Andersen seconded. Motion Carried.

Troy Andersen moved the approval of the consent agenda: February 2018 regular meeting minutes, financial report and bills. Carl Ransford seconded. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS:

Consider Resolution Approving Updates to Current Maintenance Program contract between the Hiawatha Water Department and Utility Services Company to include outside washing of the tanks.

To add outside tank washing to the current contract would only increase our cost by 13%. To have outside washing included on both towers is worth the cost. Board agreed they want our towers to look nice and this is a needed addition.

Carl Ransford made a motion to approve Resolution 04-18 Approving Updates to Current Maintenance Program contract between the Hiawatha Water Department and Utility Services Company to include outside washing of the tanks. Troy Andersen seconded motion. Motion carried.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Patrick White, Troy Andersen, Carl Ransford
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Gary Casady
Resolution 04-18 Approved

Consider Resolution Approving the use of SUDAS Standards to replace the current Cedar Rapids Metro Area Standard Spaces for Public Improvements.

The adoption of the new SUDAS standards with our included appendixes has been in the works for a while. By adopting these new specs it gives the City the opportunity to get a more competitive bid as these specs are statewide and not just the Metro Area. The City of Marion and Cedar Rapids will be adopting the SUDAS Standards as well.

Troy Andersen made a motion to approve Resolution 05-18 Approving the use of SUDAS Standards to replace the current Cedar Rapids Metro Area Standard Spaces for Public Improvements. Carl Ransford seconded motion. Motion carried.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Carl Ransford, Patrick White, Troy Andersen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Gary Casady
Resolution 05-18 Approved

Consider Resolution Authorizing Loren Leach (Veenstra & Kimm Inc.) to complete the engineering work for the 12th Ave water main replacement project.

Marty presented a GIS picture of the 12th Ave and Rainbow Blvd work area for the projected water main replacement project. The City is doing a street overlay project and with that the Water Department would like to update the existing water main as the old watermain is made with an asbestos material we want removed from the system. Marty would like a price to bore the project to avoid laying new concrete. Loren said the price of boring has come down so this may be an option.

Troy Andersen made a motion to approve Resolution 06-18 Authorizing Loren Leach (Veenstra & Kimm Inc.) to complete the engineering work for the 12th Ave water main replacement project. Carl Ransford seconded motion. Motion carried.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Troy Andersen, Carl Ransford, Patrick White
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary Casady
Resolution 06-18 Approved

Discussion of Water Storage Tank
After touring the City of Marion's ground storage tank, the board would like to move forward with the ground storage option. Loren presented information on 3 different sizes of ground storage tanks and price breakdowns for each. Carl commented that the Iowa DNR rule of thumb for size is that 1,000,000 gallons of water will supply 10,000 people. With that being said a 500,000 gallon tank would suffice our needs but, it doesn't allow any room for future growth. Loren commented if we would go with the larger tank of 1,000,000 gallons we would not have to use the tank to its full capacity right away. For now, we would only have to fill it to what is needed and still have the capability to grow. Looking at tank costs, it seems very cost effective to increase the size now. By doing so, we would save money and that saved money would allow for future well placement which will be a need. Patrick commented about the cost of money and how spending a little more now will save us money in the long run as the cost of materials and interest will only go up over the years. Troy commented that he likes the idea of a mixture of technology by having some elevated tanks and a ground storage tank. Board agreed to move forward and have a resolution at the April meeting for the construction of a 1,000,000 gallon ground storage tank.

Superintendent's Report
Marty spoke with the board again about the IOWARN program. Many communities are taking part in this program which is basically mutual aid between communities in the case of an emergency. This program would not only provide resources in an emergency but can also be a training resource between communities. Marty informed the board that he spoke with the City Attorney Mark Parmenter about the program and he recommended we speak with our insurance company to see how they would stand by employees and equipment if there should be an incident. Marty will report back next month with the insurance company's comments and a possible resolution.

Water operators repaired a watermain break on Boyson Ct. February 24th. Marty would like to implement a new outside employee July 1st. Truck #760 has been sold. We will be looking to replace this dump truck as there is a need for this kind of vehicle.

Carl Ransford moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm. Troy Andersen seconded. Motion carried.

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Chairperson, Patrick White

ATTEST:

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Sara Ries, Water Clerk II