HIAWATHA WATER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
June 19, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Chairperson Patrick White Members present were Gary Casady, Carl Ransford, and Troy Andersen. Also present was Water Superintendent Marty Recker, Water Clerk I Debra Larson, Mayor Bill Bennett, and Council Liaison Steve Dodson. Absent was Ruth Hospodarsky. Roll was called.

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

Andersen asked about paid prior. Deb Larson explained what the paid prior bills were and why they are listed the way they are.

Troy Andersen moved the approval of the consent agenda: March 2018 regular meeting minutes, financial report, and bills. Gary Casady seconded. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS:

Consider Resolution Authorizing the Soil Boring at the Proposed Ground Stage Site #1

Recker explained that Loren Leach went out for bids. Loren received back two bids one from Braun Intertec for a cost of $6,600.00 and one from Terracon for a cost of $5,900.00. Recker recommend going with Terracon. Andersen asked what the soil testing was for. Recker explained that it's testing to make sure the ground can support the weight of the storage tank. White asked how many trees would have to come down. Recker said there would be a few but, we could get replacement trees from the Parks and Recreation Department afterwards to fill in if necessary. The board discussed the project and how soon it would take place.

Casady made a motion to pass Resolution 09-18 Authorizing the Soil Boring at the Proposed Ground Stage Site #1. Ransford seconded. Motion was carried. Roll was called.

AYES: Gary Casady, Carl Ransford, Patrick White, and Troy Andersen
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ruth Hospodarsky
Resolution 09-18 Approved

Consider Resolution Approving Hiawatha Water Department Employee Wage and Salary Schedule for FY2018/2019

Andersen asked to take the Water Superintendent wages from an E-5-6 to an F-2-6 to get Recker closer to what other Superintendents in the city make. The board held a discussion.

Ransford made a motion to pass Resolution 10-18 Approving Hiawatha Water Department Employee Wage and Salary Schedule for FY2018/2019 with the amendment to the Water Superintendent's wages. Casady seconded the motion. Motion was carried Roll was called.

AYES: Troy Andersen, Patrick White, Carl Ransford, and Gary Casady
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ruth Hospodarsky
Resolution 10-18 Approved

Superintendent's Report

Recker told the board that the 12th Avenue/Rainbow Blvd. project has been submitted to the DNR for approval. There is a conflict with storm and sanitary piping in this area once that is figured out they would look at connecting the water main from 12th Ave. to Rainbow Blvd.

Recker explained to the board the new projects going on in the city were Emmons Street, Novak property, Longfellow Dr and Sherman 9th addition. The City's rezoning the property of 2112 Robins Rd. from A to C-4.

The City has finish the pavement of Edgewood Road from County Home Rd to Fitzroy Road.

Recker told the board about the new tax that the state is implement. We no longer will be charging sales tax on water a 6% excise tax call WET. These funds will be going for quality infrastructures, water quality and general funds.

Recker reminded the board that starting July 1st the commodity rate will increases from $4.90 to the $5.25 for usages after the first one thousand gallons.

Recker told the board that he received 7 applications for the position of Water Operator I. He found four to be potential candidates. Recker has done second interviews with two and would like to hire both candidates. The board agreed that we should replace the two open positions.

Troy Andersen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm. Carl Ransford seconded. Motion carried.

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Patrick White Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Debra Larson, Water Clerk I