HIAWATHA WATER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairperson Carl Ransford in the Council Chambers. Members present were Ruth Hospodarsky, Patrick White, and Troy Andersen. Also present was Water Superintendent Marty Recker, Council Liaison Steve Dodson, and Water Clerk II Sara Ries. Guests present were Dan Hoffmann and Bryce Ricklefs from Boomerang. Roll was called.

Patrick White moved the approval of the agenda. Ruth Hospodarsky seconded. Motion Carried.

Ruth Hospodarsky moved the approval of the consent agenda: October regular meeting minutes, financial report and bills. Troy Andersen seconded. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS:
Consider Resolution Changing City Hall Business Hours of Operation based on Survey Findings
Recker informed the board of the survey that was taken by roughly 900 Hiawatha residents. We also did a walk-in survey to see when the peek walk in times are.

Ruth Hospodarsky made a motion to pass Resolution 22-19 Changing City Hall Business Hours of Operation based on Survey Findings. Troy Andersen seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Roll was called.

AYES: Patrick White, Ruth Hospodarsky, Carl Ransford, Troy Andersen
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Robert Rampulla
Resolution 22-19 Approved

Bryce Ricklef's from Boomerang came to the meeting to talk about the development at Rolling Prairies. He has purchased this area and is looking to improve the development by bringing in dirt to raise the elevation. By doing so there would be areas of watermain that are 9-10 feet deep. The board and Bryce discussed the options of leaving the main as is and having some areas be 9-10 feet deep or requiring the watermain to be raised. By requiring the main to be raised, the system would need to be looped with the Hunt Rd water main. Bryce will bring plans in to the board once completed to discuss further.

Superintendent's Report
Recker updated the board on the conversation he had with Michael Vail after last month's meeting about a repeater on our water tower. He has decided to move forward with other plans for now.

Proposed FY2020-2021 budget was given to the board for review. We will present a resolution to be approved at the December meeting.

Robert Dunn has been offered the Water Apprentice position and will be starting December 16, 2019.

Marty and the City are working to find a solution to a sewer backup issue that seems to be happening when the Water Department backwashes iron filters. Marty is confident it is not a water related issues as he has checked all possibilities in the flushing process. With that being said the board did not want to pay for MSA to research possible causes on the water end.

Discussion was had by the board about receiving packets by email. Pat would still get a hard copy as he does not have computer access. We will take the next few months to trial electronic packets and see how it goes.

SRF loan is on track with no objections from the public. We will move forward to the next step of getting the construction permit from DNR.

Troy Andersen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Patrick White seconded. Motion carried.

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Chairperson, Carl Ransford

ATTEST:

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Sara Ries, Water Clerk II