HIAWATHA WATER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairperson Gary Casady in the Council Chambers. Members present were Beverly Daws, Patrick White and Troy Andersen. Absent was Robert Hembera. Also present was Water Superintendent Marty Recker, City Clerk Kelly Kornegor, Engineer Loren Leach, Mayor Bill Bennett and City Administrator Kim Downs. Roll was called.

Patrick White moved the approval of the agenda. Troy Andersen seconded. Motion Carried.

Marty Recker explained to the board there is no financial report to approve for November due to Deb Larson being out of the office for an extended period of time. The January meeting will have both the November and December reports for approval.

Beverly Daws moved the approval of the consent agenda without the November financial report: November 2017 regular meeting minutes and bills. Troy Andersen seconded. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS:

Consider Resolution Setting Policy Regarding the Disclosure of Private Customer Records

Marty explained customers have personal information such as social security numbers and private contact information. This policy eliminates staff from having to release any personal water customer information to solicitors. Pat White asked if people could still inquire about water consumption. Marty said the public can ask for water consumption information but staff would be very vague on the answer not to give our actual dollar amounts.

Patrick White made a motion to approve Resolution 16-17 Setting Policy Regarding the Disclosure of Private Customer Records. Troy Andersen seconded motion. Motion carried.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Beverly Daws, Patrick White, Gary Casady, Troy Andersen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Robert Hembera
Resolution 16-17 Approved

Consider Resolution Setting 2018 Meeting Schedule

Patrick White made a motion to approve Resolution 17-17 Setting 2018 Meeting Schedule. Beverly Daws seconded motion. Motion carried.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Gary Casady, Troy Andersen, Beverly Daws, Patrick White
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Robert Hembera
Resolution 17-17 Approved

Consider Setting Holiday Schedule for FY 2018-2019

Troy Andersen made a motion to approve Resolution 18-17 Setting Holiday Schedule for FY 2018-2019. Patrick White seconded motion. Motion carried.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Troy Andersen, Beverly Daws, Patrick White, Gary Casady
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Robert Hembera
Resolution 18-17 Approved

Discussion on Water Storage

Loren Leach and the Water Board held a discussion on water storage options. Andersen asked if having a mixture of ground and elevated storage was a benefit.

Leach explained a mixture is a good thing; Marion does both. Elevated provides the same pressure and ground storage varies in pressure. Leach said we could use ground storage tank to feed the entire system. By varying the volume of storage, you can keep the water fresh. Leach said the city will need to prepare a report and submit to the DNR that describes the project in detail; DNR will want to weigh in on the city's plan.

White questioned whether it was better to shorten the diameter of the tank and build up to keep the capacity. White said the pictures in the report seem large in diameter. Leach said ground storage tanks are always larger in diameter than they are in height. Leach stated a high place to build ground storage is most economical.

Leach explained elevated pumps have pumping cost because you have to pump up from the level of the well. With an elevated tank the well can be set to meet the volume of customer needs. Whereas the ground tanks have to run 100% of the time. Leach said with a tower there is a maintenance cost with painting and cleaning where a ground tank can be built out of concrete and the painting cost goes away.

Casady felt the city should weigh in if the tower should have lights since it would be visible from the interstate. Andersen wondered if the tower should be used to advertise the city since it would be visible from the interstate. Andersen said this would be something to consider because it would be an additional cost. Leach said towers are no longer required to have lighting because planes are not supposed to fly below 500 feet.

Leach stated he is working on putting together the cost of construction of tanks to be brought back to the board after the New Year.

White asked about the cost for maintenance on the towers. Recker said the Water Department budgets about $3,800 per tower and each one is put on a three-year rotation. Recker said the cost for interior and exterior maintenance is $18,000.

Superintendent's Report
Marty Recker announced this is Beverly Daws last meeting. Daws has made the decision not to be reappointed. Recker said City Council will approve the appointment of Carl Ransford on December 20th. Recker asked Daws to come back to the January meeting where staff will present her with a plaque.

Marty Recker discussed the budget packet saying the Water Department has held the budget steady without a lot of increases. Recker said it is time to expedite the meter exchange program; the rate study results showed it was time to change out meters and the Water Department has held off on completing this project and would like to start it now. Recker stated the budget will be on the agenda for approval in January in order to get it to City Council for their budget meetings.

Recker informed the water board of two water main breaks:
Cress Parkway, 38 houses were out and the water was only shut off for about an hour
Kainz Drive, 8 or 9 houses were out and it took 3 hours of work overnight to complete.

Patrick White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm. Troy Andersen seconded. Motion carried.

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Chairperson, Gary Casady

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk