HIAWATHA WATER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 17, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairperson Robert Hembera in Council Chambers. Members present were Troy Andersen, Gary Casady, Beverly Daws and Patrick White. Also present was Water Superintendent Carl Ransford, Assistant Water Superintendent Marty Recker, Water Operator Jerry Buskohl and Water Clerk II Sara Ries. Roll was called.

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

Gary Casady moved the approval of the consent agenda: April 2016 regular meeting minutes, financial report, and bills. Patrick White seconded. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS:

Consider Resolution for Reimbursement to the City for Water Main Replacement at the Intersection of Emmons St., N Center Point Rd., and Robins Rd. Phase I Improvements

Carl Ransford started a discussion of the work that will be done at the intersection of Emmons St., N. Center Point Rd. & Robins Rd. He explained that this is Phase I of the intersection project and that we are not included in Phase II of the project. The City will be moving the intersection and if we don't move the water main, it will be right under the new intersection. We don't want to have our water main directly under the new intersection because there would be a lot of cement work, not to mention the cement work that is proposed in this area will be colored. The Water Department doesn't want to replace that much cement, and colored cement, if we would have a main break. So the best option is to replace the water main while the street is torn up.

The initial cost of the Water Department's portion of the project has gone up as the engineering estimates are outdated. The City has committed to putting $165,000.00 of LOSST funds towards this project, but the project cost has gone up to $272,265.00. The City is asking for the Water Department to pay for the difference of $107,265.00 plus the cost of the additional engineering estimate costs of $67,735.00 for the water portion. This is a total reimbursement cost of $175,000.00 to the City.

The board held a discussion about the cost of the project along with why the costs had gone up and the reasoning for the project. The board agreed the water main does need to be moved and agreed with paying the $175,000.00. The board wanted the line, not to exceed $175,000.00, added to the resolution as they do not want to pay more than that amount.

Troy Andersen made a motion to approve Resolution 4-16 Reimbursement to the City for Water Main Replacement at the Intersection of Emmons St., N. Center Point Rd. and Robins Rd. Phase I Improvements. Patrick White seconded motion. Motion carried.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Beverly Daws, Troy Andersen, Gary Casady, Robert Hembera, Patrick White
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Resolution 4-16 Approved

Consider Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2017 Ford F350 Replacement of Truck #730

The Water Board held a discussion on the purchase of the 2017 F350 truck. This truck is replacing our current 2005 Ford F150. The reasoning for the larger truck is to accommodate a mounted value exerciser which needs a diesel transmission to be able to operate. The board has discussed the purchase of this valve exerciser in the past and feel there is a need for this equipment as the exerciser will be used to turn water valves without manual labor. Marty will have the exerciser pricing at a future meeting for the board to be able to vote on.

Beverly Daws made a motion to approve Resolution 5-16 Authorizing the Purchase of a 2017 Ford F350 Replacement of Truck #730. Gary Casady seconded motion. Motion carried.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Patrick White, Gary Casady, Beverly Daws, Troy Andersen, Robert Hembera
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Resolution 5-16 Approved

Superintendent's Report
Carl Ransford introduced the Water Department's new employee Jerry Buskohl to the Water Board.

Ransford then talked about the CDBG Funding that was presented by MSA Professional's at last month's meeting. Water projects can qualify for up to 50% matching funds. Carl showed the Water Board a map of the area that is within the CDBG grant area. The map showed 7th Ave., 1st Ave, Tucker St., Pirie Dr. and a portion of Robins Rd. Carl would like to know if the board wants to proceed with the project. By applying for the grant it takes these particular costs from what would be about $592,000.00 down to $296,000.00, our cost. The board agreed this is something they would like to move forward with, but would like Carl to get other quotes for the funding and engineering.

The Hydrant Flushing is complete for this year. Everything looked great again this year.

Dave Schmidt Construction has started installing the water and sewer lines in the Heritage Green 12th Addition.

Patrick White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Troy Andersen seconded. Motion carried.

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Chairperson, Robert Hembera

ATTEST:

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Sara Ries, Water Clerk II