HIAWATHA WATER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairperson Carl Ransford. Members present were Troy Andersen, Ruth Hospodarsky, Carl Ransford, and Patrick White. Also, present was Water Superintendent Marty Recker, Water Clerk I Debra Larson, Council Liaison Steve Dodson. Absent was Gary Casady. Roll was called.

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

Troy Andersen moved the approval of the consent agenda: March 2019 regular meeting minutes, financial report, and bills. Ruth Hospodarsky seconded. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS:

Consider Resolution Authorizing The Replacement of Pump and Materials for Well #8

Marty Recker explained to the board that he had talked to the insurance company. The insurance company said they would cover the opening and fixing well pump and meter. We will still probably have to pay a deductible. Marty Recker said he will wait until fall to do well #6. Patrick White said we need to get well #8fix.

Troy Andersen made a motion to pass Resolution 08-19 Authorizing the Replacement of Pump and Materials for Well #8. Ruth Hospodarsky seconded. Motion was carried. Roll was called.

AYES: Troy Andersen, Ruth Hospodarsky, Carl Ransford, Patrick White
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gary Casady
Resolution 08-19 Approved

Consider Resolution Authorizing the Water Main Repairs on Rainbow Blvd. and 12th Ave.

Marty Recker told the board the DNR finally approve our plan for the repairs on Rainbow Blvd. and 12th Avenue. V&K sent out for bids and only received one bid back. The bid was from Boomerang Corp for $112,998.00. Marty Recker said it might be lower because the City is replacing Rainbow Street so we might not have the expense to paid for some of the concrete if we time it right.

Patrick White made a motion to pass Resolution 09-19 Authorizing the Water Main Repairs on Rainbow Blvd. and 12th Avenue. Troy Andersen seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Roll was called.

AYES: Ruth Hospodarsky, Carl Ransford, Patrick White, Troy Andersen
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gary Casady
Resolution 09-19 Approved

Discussion on Irrigation Rate Increases

Marty Recker asked the board if they were happy with irrigation rates where they were right now since we just raise the rates back in the fall. The board agreed they were fine with them right now and relook at it after a year. The board discussed the options of requiring rain gauges on the irrigations. Marty Recker wasn't sure how that lines up with plumbing code. Right now, leave it as the peoples choice.

Discussion on Commercial vs Residential Water Deposits

Marty Recker explained there were some business that had filed for bankruptcy and was consider raising the deposit of a meter for Commercial/business because right now everyone pays the same. The board held a discussion

and decided to change the required deposit. Recker said he would do some checking with cities in the area and see what they charge.

Discussion and Possible Action of Water Operator

Marty Recker told the board he wanted to set up a program to do an intern program since he hasn't had any luck working with colleges in the area. Marty Recker said there would be a probation period and would work with the person about going to school. The board thought it would be a good ideal. Marty Recker said he would continue working with the city administrator on this going forward.

Discussion of information from Spear Financial

Marty Recker asked if they had any questions about the information he had sent out in the packets. Spear Financial told Marty Recker that they see no problem in making payments for the tower project. The board had no questions.

Discussion & Consider Resolution Approval of Amending Budget

Marty Recker explained the two items he needed to raise due the Rainbow Blvd. and 12th Avenue project and engineering fees. The board agrees on the amendments.

Patrick White made a motion to pass Resolution 10-19 Amending FY 2018/2019. Troy Anderson seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Roll was called.

AYES: Carl Ransford, Patrick White, Troy Andersen, Ruth Hospodarsky
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gary Casady
Resolution 10-19 Approved

Superintendent's Report

Marty Recker told the board that Kim Downs City Administrator met with Alliant Energy representative to see what the actual increase will be. After meeting with Alliant, the potential increase will be a 5-10% increase vs a 25% increase. Alliant did an electrical audit. Alliant said we were doing a good job and couldn't see anything we could improve on.

Marty Recker informed the board that Stacey Carter has accepted the position of Water Clerk. Stacey will be starting April 22, 2019.

Marty Recker told the board the hydrant flushing was going well. Marty Recker had hired a person from People Ready to help out.

Marty Recker informed the board that Logan Perkins had passed his Grade 1 Water and Water Distribution on March 19, 2019.

Marty Recker invited the board to Deb Larson's retirement luncheon/gathering on Friday May 24, 2019 from 11:30 to 2:30.

Patrick White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. Ruth Hospodarsky seconded. Motion carried.

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Carl Ransford, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Debra Larson, Water Clerk I