HIAWATHA WATER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Chairperson Patrick White in the Council Chambers. Members present were Troy Andersen, Carl Ransford, Gary Casady and Ruth Hospodarsky. Also present was Water Superintendent Marty Recker, Water Clerk II Sara Ries and Council Liaison Steve Dodson. Roll was called.

Troy Andersen moved the approval of the agenda. Ruth Hospodarsky seconded. Motion Carried.

Carl Ransford moved the approval of the consent agenda: August 2018 regular meeting minutes, financial report and bills. Troy Andersen seconded. Motion Carried.

**BUSINESS:**
**Public Hearing for Water Rate Increases**
Patrick White made a motion to open public hearing at 5:37pm. Carl Ransford seconded.

There were no written or oral objections to the increase of Water, Irrigation & Maintenance Program Rates.

Ruth Hospodarsky made a motion to close public hearing at 5:38pm. Troy Andersen seconded.

**Consider Resolution Setting Water Rates**
No discussions on Water Rates as discussions were held at the August meeting.

Gary Casady made a motion to pass Resolution 14-18 Increasing of Water Rates. Ruth Hospodarsky seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Troy Andersen, Carl Ransford, Patrick White, Ruth Hospodarsky, Gary Casady
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
**Resolution 14-18 Approved**

**Consider Resolution Setting Irrigation Water Rates**
No discussions on Irrigation Water Rates as discussions were held at the August meeting.

Troy Andersen made a motion to pass Resolution 15-18 Increasing of Irrigation Water Rates. Carl Ransford seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Ruth Hospodarsky, Gary Casady, Patrick White, Carl Ransford, Troy Andersen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
**Resolution 15-18 Approved**

**Consider Resolution to Increase Maintenance Program Rider Charges**
No discussions on the Maintenance Program Rider Charges as discussions were held at the August meeting.

Carl Ransford made a motion to pass Resolution 16-18 Increasing of Maintenance Program Rider Charges. Gary Casady seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Patrick White, Ruth Hospodarsky, Carl Ransford, Troy Andersen, Gary Casady
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

**Resolution 16-18 Approved**

**Consider Resolution Waiving Water Meter Deposit for Veteran's**
Marty explained that this resolution pertains to a program called Home Based Iowa. This program is meant to encourage Veteran's to move to a community that will support them. The Water Department felt we could waive the deposit for this cause with proper proof. The board held a brief discussion and decided they would like to include active and retired military into this resolution as well.

Carl Ransford made a motion to pass Resolution 17-18 Waiving Water Meter Deposit for Military with said changes of adding Actively Serving and Retired Military to the resolution. Ruth Hospodarsky seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Gary Casady, Carl Ransford, Troy Andersen, Patrick White, Ruth Hospodarsky
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
**Resolution 17-18 Approved**

**Consider Resolution to Amend Fixed Charges**
Discussion was held regarding line item Field Inspection Fee. Board wanted to make sure it is in line with surrounding cities and it is. The Building Department is looking to add a sewer and storm water fee to their charges as well. This fee would be for new developments and charged to the developer. The fee would be required before a utility is accepted.

Troy Andersen made a motion to pass Resolution 18-18 Amend Fixed Charges. Carl Ransford seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Troy Andersen, Patrick White, Ruth Hospodarsky, Gary Casady, Carl Ranford
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
**Resolution 18-18 Approved**

**Consider Resolution Designating Standard Rates for City Operated Equipment**
The City Council has already adopted this resolution and we follow the same rate schedule as they do. All equipment is City and Water owned and we will be following the most recent IDOT rates times 500%. By following the IDOT rate schedule, rates should be more unified across communities.

Ruth Hospodarsky made a motion to pass Resolution 19-18 Designating Standard Rates for City Operated Equipment. Troy Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
AYES: Carl Ransford, Ruth Hospodarsky, Gary Casady, Troy Andersen, Patrick White
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
**Resolution 19-18 Approved**

**Superintendent's Report**
Water Tower 1 has been cleaned and inspected. It has been reported in good condition, bacteria tests taken and the tower is back in service. We will be getting on the schedule for exterior cleaning and paint touch up with Utility Equipment.

A 2" water valve on 1st Ave broke when exercising valves the first week of September. This valve was an older square style valve. It has been cut out and replaced. 1425 Boyson Rd had a service leak repaired by Brecke Mechanical.

Robins Rd. has been closed for road improvements and will be closed for about 3 weeks from Stonegate Ct. to just North of the City Maintenance Shop. Watson Construction has tapped the water main at 900 Eisenhower Rd for a building with 3 townhouses.

Troy Andersen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm. Carl Ransford seconded. Motion carried.

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Chairperson, Patrick White

ATTEST:

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Sara Ries, Water Clerk II