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WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 20, 2021
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Aldermen Cahoe, Barragree, Marcier, Rushbrook, Miller, Alderwomen Ulfers and Musk and Mayor Allhands

ABSENT: Alderman Garfield

GUESTS: Jon Borgers with Wessler Engineering, Water Superintendent Greg Marks, Wastewater Foreman Dustin Standish

Alderman Cahoe opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. There was no public comment. Jon Borgers with Wessler Engineering spoke about the proposed GIS program. A presentation was given via internet from his office. The presentation consisted of showing the committee how this would be vital tool for the water department and could also be a good tool for the sewer department. Wessler Engineering would come to the city and do all of the locating and put this into a GIS utility map. The upfront cost is \$40,800.00 and then the city would need to purchase on line storage and credits for a very minimal cost. \$700 is the basic and this gets the city 500 credits. There are many options to get such as a creator license, field worker and management licenses. It was stated they could start within 30 days and would take about 180 days to complete the map. The committee will vote on this on Tuesday.

Water Superintendent Greg Marks stated the oxidation ditch project is still work in progress and is moving forward. Rain has slowed the process down some. The old equipment is still in the process of removed.

Greg and Dustin are looking into a CDBG program for a grant to either repair an existing well or develop a new well on the west side of town. The grant states this project can't be in a flood plain. They are working with Robinson Engineering to get the information and preliminary work done. The plan is to apply for this grant in 2022. If the city would get this grant the city's match is 10%.

Greg stated he and Dustin have been helping with the public works department.

Mayor Allhands stated he would like to appoint Dustin Standish as the interim public works supervisor at full council next week. He stated that some of the members of the ad hoc committee have been talking about this also. It was stated to maybe start with a 6 month appointment.

Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm and Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

Dennis Cahoe, Chairman