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WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2021
7:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Alderman Rushbrook

GUEST: Water Superintendent Greg Marks

Alderman Cahoe opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. There was no public comment. Water Superintendent Greg Marks reported on the following:

Wastewater: No updates on the oxidation ditch project, Greg stated the project is about 30% done. Repairs are being made to the lift station located at the high school. Greg stated the pumps needed to be upgraded. The department is also replacing a check valve at the Mulberry St. lift station.

Drinking Water: There is a meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday with G.I.S. The department is also working with Robinson Engineering to obtain a CDBG grant for assistance in funding a new well or possibly repair the existing well on the west side of town. The projected application date is set for 2022. Greg stated he is meeting with Peerless Midwest next Thursday to look at getting a maintenance schedule set up and talk about the wells. Alderman Cahoe stated he wants to see a new well on the west side of town and to make this project top priority.

Miscellaneous: Greg gave the committee quotes for a boat for the ponds, a tracker 800SX, and a Kabota. Alderman Garfield stated there is always a boat available in the Auxiliary building to use, no reason to go buy another. Greg and Alderman Garfield will get together on this. Greg stated both departments could use either the tracker or the Kubota. He thinks the Kubota would be a better fit as more can be done with it. Greg stated he looked into another gator but there are none available right now. The Kubota's are coming in slowly but they are coming in. Also this Kubota could be purchased locally. **Alderman Marcier makes a motion to recommend to the Council to purchase a Kubota RTV from McCullough Implement for \$34,955.00 and Alderman Garfield seconded. Roll call carried 8-0. This will be paid for from shared equipment in water/wastewater and streets/alleys, and the park fund.**

Work Report: The department did 70 utility locates, 5 water meter changes, 22 water turn on/off, 2 water main repairs and 5 service line repairs.

Alderwoman Musk asked if the department had an employee leave, Greg stated yes Jonathon Dafcik quit and they have not replaced him yet.

Greg stated they talked to the boring companies today but they are not as cooperative as he would like. The department is going to get quotes from a U.S.I.G. a locate utility company to see what it would cost to have them do the locates for the city. There was also a short

discussion about getting reimbursed from the boring companies for all of the water main breaks they are causing.

Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm and Alderman Miller seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

Dennis Cahoe, Chairman