



MINUTES Water Board

4:00 PM - Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Water Department, 3050 5th Avenue

The Water Board of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 4:00 PM, at Water Department, 3050 5th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: John Bender, John McIntosh, William Kling, and Terry Chew

ABSENT: Amy Olson

STAFF PRESENT: Todd Steigerwaldt, Andy Smith, and Curt Huhndorf

CALL TO ORDER

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion to approve the September 10th 2024 minutes and September 2024 payable invoices for \$1,434,673.80.

Moved by Bender, seconded by Kling, to approve above referenced items. The board inquired about two payables otherwise no other comments were received.

Approved unanimously

Motion to receive and file the September 2024 revenue, expense and financial reports.

Moved by Kling, seconded by McIntosh, to receive and file the attached documents. Steigerwaldt stated one of the invested CDs will mature towards the end of November and he plans to reinvest the money wherever the interest rates are the highest. He stated Farmers State Bank was providing a good interest rate currently in their HiFi money market account.

Approved unanimously

Motion approving annual Red Flag Rules program for FY 24-25.

Moved by McIntosh, seconded by Kling, to approve the above referenced item. Steigerwaldt stated this is our annual review of the Identity Theft Prevention Program also known as Red Flag Rules. There were no exposure incidents to report. We have a very good city IT department that are very knowledgeable and stay on top of all identity theft related issues and topics. Bender asked about the referenced appendix numbers and they were found at the very end of the report.

Approved unanimously

Motion approving two payments to Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for a total of \$7,049.15.

Moved by Bender, seconded by Chew, to approve above referenced payment.

Steigerwaldt told the board the one invoice from V&K was for the one year inspection at both the 1 MG GST at Site #4 and the Lindale Elevated tower. Bender asked if there were any issues at either. Smith stated a very minor touch up paint job was done at the Lindale Tower. Both sites did pass the inspection.

Approved unanimously

Motion approving employee Health Care Plan effective January 1, 2025.

Moved by Chew, seconded by Kling, to approve employee health care rates for water employees following the city's non-bargain health care rate increases to be effective January 1, 2025. Steigerwaldt explained to the board the options reviewed by the city and what increases they determined to use for employees. The traditional health care plan will increase by 7.21% and the HDHP will increase by 8.03%. The wellness plan is still available for employees if desired. Smith inquired as to the benefit of participating in the wellness plan. Steigerwaldt stated the main benefit for employees who do the wellness biometrics screening is to identify health issues early and start preventative care measures instead of waiting until a person has a major problem.

Approved unanimously

Motion on future financial support to MEDCO.

Moved by Bender, seconded by Kling, to approve the above referenced item. The board members discussed the 5-year financial contribution request from MEDCO. Bender shared his thought of only supporting them at a higher amount for one year and then seeing what they have accomplished. McIntosh stated he has not voted to support any of these non-profit city affiliated organizations in the past. Kling mentioned the home renovation project that MEDCO is wanting to start in the south side of Marion which would assist lower income workers secure afford a place to live. Board members had several other questions like how much the city was contributing annually and how many members are supporting MEDCO.

Chew recommended to table this item until the next meeting. Motion by Chew and seconded by Kling to table action on this item until the November meeting.

Approved unanimously

Discussion regarding Field Operations Reports.

Smith updated the board on September activities which included site cleanup and staff pouring additional concrete pads at the main shop area. Staff also performed minor touch up painting at Site #6. Staff performed inspections on city projects and private subdivisions. There were two leaks on Grand Avenue by S. 7th Street and S. 8th Street. Staff also installed a new valve at 27th Street and 14th Avenue and ran a new water service line for the Parks Department at Prairie Park off 29th Avenue.

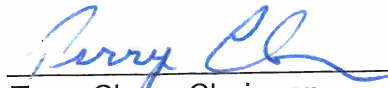
Secretary Report

The September building report had 18 permits issued with a valuation over \$50,000. Steigerwaldt shared two thank you letters. One was from the Chamber for our annual contribution and one from Amber Bisinger, City Communications Director, for water department employees assistance in compiling 7000+ informational garbage flyers for the new garbage containers program.

ADJOURN at 4:54 PM

The next Marion Water Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 4:00 PM at 3050 5th Avenue, Marion and on ZOOM.

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Terry Chew, Chairman



Todd Steigerwaldt, Secretary