

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Water Department's Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:16 PM, on April 12, 2011, in the executive conference room of City Hall, Marion. Trustees Mary Ann McComas, Robert Anderson and Greg Hapgood were present. Anderson called the meeting to order. Other people attending the meeting included Todd Steigerwaldt, Board Secretary, Jerry Blazek, Operations Supervisor, and Curt Huhndorf, Distribution Foreman.

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on March 22nd 2011 were reviewed along with the March disbursements, and the March 2011 fund balance report. Motion by McComas, seconded by Hapgood to approve same. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by Hapgood to approve water main application for Country Club Estates 5th Addition to Marion, Iowa. Steigerwaldt shared with the board a location map of the proposed addition. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Resolution No. 11-07, accepting water main extensions in the Echo Hill 1st Addition to Marion, Iowa in the amount of \$77,510.00. Steigerwaldt told the board that there were several spec homes already built in this addition and Blazek stated there was another basement being dug this week. The board acknowledged that this addition was adjacent to our new Well site #7. Motion by Hapgood, seconded by McComas. Roll Call Vote: all ayes (3-0)

Resolution No. 11-08, accepting water main extensions in the Briargate 4th Addition to Marion, Iowa in the amount of \$34,153.80. Steigerwaldt told the board this subdivision was located north of 29th Avenue and east of 44th Street. He stated there were 18 4-plex condos planned for this addition. Motion by Hapgood, seconded by McComas. Roll Call Vote: all ayes (3-0)

Resolution No. 11-09, accepting water main extensions in the Briargate 5th Addition to Marion, Iowa in the amount of \$34,153.80. Steigerwaldt told the board this subdivision was located north of 29th Avenue and west of 44th Street. He stated this addition reduced the frontage width of the lots compared to previous additions to keep lot prices affordable. No homes have been started in this addition to date. Motion by Hapgood, seconded by McComas. Roll Call Vote: all ayes (3-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by Hapgood approving partial payment #3 to Natgun Corporation for work completed to date for the 1.0 MG Water Storage Tank Improvement project at Well Site #7 in the amount of \$18,563.43. Steigerwaldt showed some pictures of the excavation of the tank. He stated the project was progressing along smoothly. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by Hapgood, seconded by McComas approving partial payment #8 to Veenstra & Kimm, Inc for engineering services for Well No. 7 ground storage and pumping station design in the total amount of \$900.00. Steigerwaldt told the board he anticipates setting the project calendar and going out for bids for this project at the May meeting. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Blazek updated the board on the field activities: Service Dept: remote read meters installed in 11 accounts; 194 meter read orders; 57 straight meters to radio; 107 tag orders; 192 service calls; and 284 locations worked. He told the board the crews were

repairing fire hydrants before the May flushing program and repairing leak holes from last winter. McComas asked if we were going to do more flushing during the daytime hours. Blazek stated yes. He also mentioned that Well #6 pump and motor were re-installed and should be operational Wednesday pending bacterial test results on the water in the ground storage tank. Steigerwaldt added he was still dealing with the insurance company for some additional compensation on the pump failure. The department has received \$45,333.75 to date from the insurance company. March gallons pumped: 76,228,000.

Secretary Report –

Steigerwaldt shared with the board the monthly building permit report. 12 new homes and 9 new condo units' permits were issued.

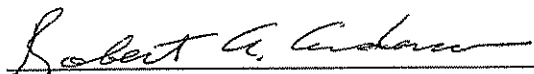
Steigerwaldt mentioned that \$2,067.38 worth of credit card and e-check transactions were made in March. He told the board that he submitted an article for the next Marion Messenger to advertise the use of credit card and e-check payment options for the utility bill which should increase the use of the program even more.


Steigerwaldt told the board there will be a second FY10-11 budget amendment for the department at the May board meeting mainly due to the aggressive pay schedule submitted to him by the tank contractor who is hoping to get an early start on the tank project. Steigerwaldt did not anticipate these larger payments to the contractor back in January budget amendment. Also, the pump failure at Well #6 was not accounted for in the first amendment. He is expecting a \$600,000 budget increase to cover these additional expenses before the end of the fiscal year.

Other information shared with the board was the local option sales tax (LOST) draft spending plan the city council was considering if the LOST vote passes later this spring.

The next regular monthly meeting for the water board was set for 5:15 PM on May 10, 2011.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.


Robert Anderson
Chairman


Todd Steigerwaldt, Secretary