

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Water Department's Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:15 PM, on August 12, 2014, in the executive conference room of City Hall, Marion, Iowa. Trustees Mary Ann McComas, Greg Hapgood, John Bender, Robert Anderson and John McIntosh were present. Chairman Bender called the meeting to order. Other people attending the meeting included Todd Steigerwaldt, Board Secretary, Curt Huhndorf, Distribution Foreman, Jerry Blazek, Operations Supervisor and Marion citizen, Paul Rehn.

Motion by McComas, seconded by McIntosh to approve the meeting's printed agenda. Bender stated it is normal procedure to approve the agenda at the beginning of business meetings. Vote: 4 Ayes and 1 Nay. Passed.

Minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held at 5:15 PM on July 8, 2014 were reviewed along with the July disbursements, and the July 2014 fund balance report. Motion by McComas, seconded by Hapgood to approve same. Steigerwaldt stated the first month of the new fiscal year was underway and the auditor's would be arriving in the next few weeks to begin the annual audit process for the last fiscal year. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Bender opened the public hearing at 5:20 PM for the Lindale Elevated Storage Tank Coating Project. Citizen, Paul Rehn, was in favor of the project when asked by chairman Bender. Bender closed the public hearing at 5:21 PM. No other written or oral comments were received in support or opposing the project.

Resolution 14-16, accepting bids and awarding contract to Utility Services Company Inc. for the Lindale Elevated Storage Tank Coating Project. Steigerwaldt told the board there were 5 bidders for this project with some very competitive bids. The low bid was \$120,400 below the engineer's estimate. He stated the project would start next spring which is a good time to paint. Veenstra and Kimm Inc. reviewed the bids and determined the company could perform the required work for the bid price submitted. Anderson asked if we knew much about this company. Steigerwaldt stated the engineering firm had reviewed this company's performance. They can do the work themselves or they have can use subcontractor to perform the work depending on their work schedule. It appears they were looking for work for next year and therefore they were aggressive with their bid price. Motion by Hapgood, seconded by Anderson. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by McComas approving the water main application for Gemstone Estates 1st Addition to the city of Marion. Steigerwaldt showed the board this development's location on the wall map. The developers are Jon Morris and Todd Wood. This addition would contain approximately 24 condo units. Steigerwaldt mentioned that the developer would be building duplex, tri-plex and 4-plex condo units depending on the market demand. Typically, duplexes are constructed around the cul-de-sac bulb do to the driveway widths. The board asked when the commercial development would start in this area. Steigerwaldt stated the developer is looking at a gas station on the corner of 35th Street and 35th Avenue across from our elevated storage tower. He stated that there will be more interest in the commercial development once more homes are built in this area. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by Hapgood approving the water main application for the Prestwick Place 1st and 2nd Additions to the city of Marion. Steigerwaldt explained the location of this new development. Bender asked if the oval street layout would be private or public. Steigerwaldt stated it would be a public street. Huhndorf pointed out that the water main was not installed along 29th Avenue along the frontage of this property. Steigerwaldt was unaware of this as it was shown to be installed on our GIS map. The board asked if they should approve the second addition water main extension as it was included on the water main application. Steigerwaldt stated the second addition would not be constructed for a while. The developer would have to install the water main along part of 29th Avenue to serve this addition since the main is not currently there. The construction plans can be changed when this next addition gets constructed to reflect this so the water main application can be approved as submitted and the as-built information can be noted on the application once the improvements are made. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by McComas approving the water main application for a commercial condo development at 591 62nd Street. Steigerwaldt explained the development concept which is where commercial businesses could rent one or multiple units to store, fabricate or develop their product. The units would have a large overhead door with water and sewer available in each unit. The water mains would be private and each building would have a master water meter. The units would also be sprinkled. Hapgood noted that there are several of these type of buildings in town. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Resolution 14-15, accepting water main improvements and extensions in the Lincolnview Square 1st Addition to the city of Marion. Steigerwaldt stated the public water main has been installed and tested. Several new businesses have been constructed and are now open for business. Bender asked why the water main was public and not private. Steigerwaldt stated that public water main easements are in place and dedicated with the plat. A water main loop was now created from 7th Avenue to 35th Street which was needed as there are some concerns with the hot soil along 7th Avenue and the longevity of that main. Huhndorf stated it is simpler to have the water main and fire hydrants be publicly owned and maintained so that we can flush and test the operation of the fire hydrants. Motion by Bender, seconded by McComas. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by Anderson to approve payment to Nelson Electric Company for replacement of a soft start motor controller at Well Site #4 in the amount of \$6,088.44. McIntosh recalled this unit being replaced a long time ago for less money. Steigerwaldt stated they had repaired the unit approximately 4 years ago but this time it could not be fixed. A new unit was ordered and installed. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by Hapgood to approve payment to Rugger Underground Construction Inc. for boring a 6" water main on the 14th Street and Henderson Drive water main replacement project in the amount of \$7,980.00. Huhndorf stated the contractor did a great job and worked around our schedule. There were a lot of underground utilities to dig around if we would have installed the main ourselves with an open trench. This method saved a lot of time and labor. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by Bender, seconded by Anderson to approve payments to Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for professional engineering services for Silurian Wells #8 and #9 and the Lindale Elevated Storage Tank Coating Project in the total amount of \$4,445.20. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by Hapgood, seconded by McComas to approve the annual membership payment to the Marion Chamber in the amount of \$577.50. Bender asked if this was another pledge the board made for so many years. Steigerwaldt stated this was not. This was simply our annual renewal of our membership dues. Hapgood noted that we have made several other pledges to the chamber over the years for special projects the chambers initiates and supports. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Blazek updated the board on the field activities: Service Department: remote read meters installed on 39 accounts; 2670 meter read orders; 88 straight meters to radio; 189 tag orders; 59 service calls; and 653 utility locations located. Blazek stated the 35th Street relay project had started and that South 11th Street was open to traffic. Crews are eliminating an old water main line that was leaking on South 15th Street by the Marion High School. He stated the new fire hydrants arrived and work on 14th Street and Henderson is completed. Subdivision activity has also kept staff busy with inspections and new taps.

Blazek also informed the board that Well #4 was still not working. Northway Well and Pump was able to screw a pipe into the check valve but so far they were unable to remove the pump and motor. It did move it approximately 15 feet but then became stuck again probably due to loose debris wedging it against the pipe column.

July gallons pumped: 99,894,000

Secretary Report –

Steigerwaldt informed the board there were 20 building permits issued last month.

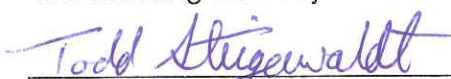
An evidence report was reviewed by staff and sent out by our insurance company regarding the Well #7 insurance claim. The lawsuit is slowly moving along.

Steigerwaldt shared a newsletter article that mentioned the EO 80 stakeholder group and the recommendations for future rule changes to the Jordan Aquifer.

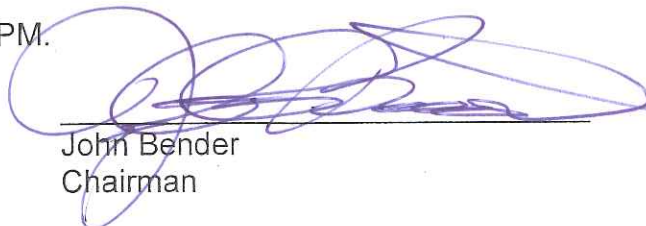
Steigerwaldt invited the board members to attend a Watershed Authority meeting regarding the Indian Creek Watershed. He stated Bender and himself would be attending the meeting at Lowe Park.

The next regular monthly meeting for the water board was set for 5:15 PM on Tuesday, September 16th, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.



Todd Steigerwaldt
Secretary



John Bender
Chairman