

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Water Department's Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:15 PM, on July 14, 2015, in the executive conference room of City Hall, Marion, Iowa. Trustees Greg Hapgood, John Bender, Mary Ann McComas, William Kling, and John McIntosh were present. Chairman Hapgood called the meeting to order. Other people attending the meeting included Todd Steigerwaldt, Board Secretary, Andy Smith, Operations Foreman, Curt Huhndorf, Distribution Foreman, and Andrew Barry with Snyder and Associates.

Minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held at 5:15 PM on June 9, 2015 were reviewed along with the June disbursements, and the June 2015 fund balance report. Bender stated the revenues were above the budget amount. Steigerwaldt explained that he uses a conservative number in projecting the water revenue amount each year. An additional \$198,000 was received due to increased water sales and rate increases. Steigerwaldt noted the financial software accounted for the \$734,158.47 transfer from the Well #7 fund which was closed out this fiscal year. The software shows it as an expense but it was only a transfer between funds so the overall expenditure for the fiscal year was closer to 75.5% of the budgeted amount rather than what the software report was showing as nearly 92% of the budget amount expended. Motion by McComas, seconded by McIntosh to approve same. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by Bender, seconded by Kling, approving water main application for Author's 4th Addition to the City of Marion. Steigerwaldt reviewed with the board this addition's location which was east of the 1 million gallon elevated water tower along 35th Street and 35th Avenue. Bender asked if there were more townhomes planned in this addition. Steigerwaldt stated there were no condos. There were 26 single family lots planned for construction. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by McIntosh to approve Resolution No. 15-08 accepting water main improvements for the Author's 3rd Addition to the City of Marion. Steigerwaldt stated this addition was just south of the 4th addition mentioned previously and it did have a row of townhomes in this addition. Hapgood asked if all the water main tests passed inspection. Steigerwaldt stated they have passed inspections. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by Kling, seconded by Bender to approve Resolution No. 15-09 accepting water main improvements for the Gemstone Estates 1st Addition to the City of Marion. Steigerwaldt shared with the board the subdivision's location and stated many condo units have already been built in this addition. The next phase was starting soon. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by Bender to approve Resolution No. 15-10 accepting water main improvements for the Industrial Center East 3rd Addition to the City of Marion. Steigerwaldt explained to the board that the owner decided to re-plat this subdivision to the future construction of a cul-de-sac of the east end of 4th Avenue which currently was a long dead end with no proper turn-around. With the re-plat the department was able have the developer loop the water main between 3rd and 4th Avenues along the west property line of what is now Roger's Concrete. This will provide better water circulation for the existing and future businesses along 4th Avenue. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by Bender, seconded by McIntosh to approve Resolution No. 15-11 accepting water main improvements for the Squaw Creek Meadows 6th Addition to the City of Marion. Steigerwaldt informed the board of this addition's location which is west of 31st Street and south of Grand Avenue. He stated the improvements have been completed for a while but the addition has not yet been final platted. A contractor has just started working on the 7th addition which is adjacent to this one. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by Bender, seconded by Kling to reimburse the City of Marion for the installation of new 12" water main within the city's 2014 35th Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$143,011.00. Bender asked if this was the project where we reduced the water main size from a 16" to a 12" main. Steigerwaldt stated this was the project. The 16" water main was no longer needed in this area based on the type of development that was there. Bender also asked if there was any assessment to the adjoining properties owners for this project. Steigerwaldt stated there were no assessments associated with this project. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by Kling to approve the annual pledge amount of \$2,500.00 to MEDCO. Hapgood stated earlier this year the board approved a 5 year annual pledge for this amount. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by Kling, seconded by McIntosh approving two payments to Veenstra and Kimm, Inc. for \$1,807.90. Steigerwaldt stated the two payments were for the two existing contracts we have with V&K for painting the Lindale and 31st Street water towers. Smith updated the board on the status of the Lindale painting project and Steigerwaldt shared some photos of the work done to date. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Steigerwaldt updated the board on the radium issue the department is dealing with at Well #7. The volume of phone call and emails have decreased. The laboratory will be sending us the results of the latest water sample to see if the radium level has changed or not. The DNR requires us to take quarterly samples now at this well and they will calculate an annual running average to see if we have to re-notify the customers again. Steigerwaldt stated he has already begun researching treatment solution options. Some options are finding an alternative water source and blending this new water with the Jordan water; softening the water; identifying the location of the radium plume and possibly sealing this section of the well; green sand filtration; and a full service radium removal service company that does everything from construction to removal of the radium to an approved landfill site. Bender asked if aeration would remove the radium. Steigerwaldt stated all sites currently have aeration units on the top of the storage tanks so what we currently have doesn't remove the radium but maybe another special aeration unit could. He stated he would continue to explore treatment options which may evolve as we get more test results back on what level of radium we ultimately end up with at this well.

Smith updated the board on the field activities: Service Department: remote read meters installed on 21 accounts; 1183 meter reads; 78 straight meters to radio; 153 tag orders; 53 service calls; and 709 utility locations were located.

Smith stated the pump at Well site #6 was installed but we have been unsuccessful with getting the bacteria test to come back negative. The well was super disinfected last week and he hopes to have it back in service by next week. He stated the overall

pumping amount was up do to the warmer weather and the distribution crew has been making good progress on the 10th Avenue water main relay project.

June gallons pumped: 86,600,000

Secretary Report –

Steigerwaldt informed the board there were 25 new building permits issued last month. He told the board the electrolysis insurance claim for the pump at Well site #6 was denied by the insurance carrier. He has contacted a third party expert to weigh in on this issue on behalf of the department.

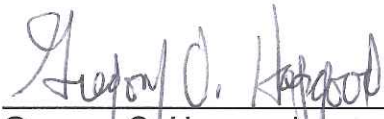
He also shared with the board a proposed building project that is planned for construction in the MEDCO industrial park later this year called Electric Specialty Manufacturing.

The next regular monthly meeting for the water board was set for 5:15 PM on Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.



Todd Steigerwaldt
Secretary



Gregory O. Hapgood
Chairman