

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Water Department's Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:15 PM, on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in the executive conference room of City Hall, Marion, Iowa. Trustees Mary Ann McComas, William Kling, and John McIntosh were present. John Bender was absent. Hapgood arrived at 5:36 PM. Acting chairman McComas called the meeting to order. Other people attending the meeting included Todd Steigerwaldt, Board Secretary, Andy Smith, Operations Foreman, Curt Huhndorf, Distribution Foreman and Nancy Hapgood, citizen.

Minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held at 5:15 PM on August 11, 2015 were reviewed along with the August disbursements, and the August 2015 fund balance report. Steigerwaldt stated he had invested \$250,000 at NXT Bank. They had the best interest rate compared to other banks. He wanted to invest \$500,000 but the bank would only take \$250,000. Motion by Kling, seconded by McIntosh to approve same. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by Kling, seconded by McIntosh to approve the disposal of a 2004 Ford F-250 service vehicle. Steigerwaldt informed the board this truck was replaced by a new truck in last year's fiscal budget. He had received one bid so far and several others had received the bid forms. It is advertised on the city's website and in the monthly employee newsletter. It is also parked along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue by the water department shop for viewing. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by Kling approving payment to Quality Excavating Inc. for the 2015 Highway 151 and 62<sup>nd</sup> Street 12" valve replacement project in the amount of \$7,275.00. Steigerwaldt stated the project is completed and the contractor did a great job. Huhndorf stated another valve in the southeast corner of Highway 151 and 13 started to leak when it was closed. He needs to get back out there to do more investigating on this valve. The leak stopped when it was opened back up. Staff may not be able to fix this valve in the highway ditch as it might be too deep for our backhoe to reach. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by Kling, seconded by McIntosh to approve partial payment #1 to Quality Excavating Inc. for the 2015-2016 Waterous Hydrant Replacement Project in the amount of \$6,550.00. Steigerwaldt stated the contractor had completed two fire hydrant replacements last month. The contractor was working on the fourth one today. Staff mentioned that we may ask the contractor to replace a couple more fire hydrants that also need replacing after the project was bid. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by Kling approving two payments to Veenstra and Kimm, Inc. for \$3,665.28. Steigerwaldt stated the two payments were for the two existing contracts we have with V&K for painting the Lindale and 31<sup>st</sup> Street water towers. Smith updated the board on the status of the Lindale painting project. He stated everything was going smoothly up until late last week when a leak was found around a weld joint, some paint was mixed wrong and would not dry, and a small touch up area was painted with the wrong color. The engineer was called and they are working on an action plan to fix the issues. This will delay the completion of the project another week or two. Steigerwaldt shared some photos of the new logos on the tower. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by Kling, seconded by McIntosh to approve a quote to repaint the 200,000 gallon ground storage tank at Well Site #5 for \$15,000.00. McIntosh asked when this was last painted. Smith recalled 2010 but the painting contractor was supposed to come back in 2012 to do some touch up work. Staff believes the contractor is not in business anymore. Steigerwaldt showed some pictures of the tank that needs immediate attention in a few areas. Staff was given only a verbal quote on repainting the tank from the contractor working on the Lindale tower. Although the price is acceptable, Steigerwaldt has not received a written proposal. He recommended delaying this action until a formal written proposal is provided. McIntosh and Kling formerly rescinded their motion and second. This item will be brought back at the next board meeting.

Steigerwaldt updated the board on the radium issue at Well #7. The next quarterly radium water samples were taken. Steigerwaldt selected a second laboratory to test the water as there appears to be multiple approved testing methods that can be used which may produce different results. The board asked when the new results will be known. Smith stated about 30 days from now. Steigerwaldt also stated he had just received a quote from the Iowa Geological Survey where they can attempt to measure the ground water potential capacity from the Silurian Aquifer which could be used to dilute the Jordan Aquifer water at Well #7. He will review the proposal and bring it back to the board to discuss at the next meeting. He also told the board he will be setting up a meeting with Cedar Rapids to look at the option and cost to have Cedar Rapids provide treated water from their water main along C Avenue to mix with the water at Well #7. These are all possible solutions to explore if the radium level continues to remain high at Well #7.

Smith updated the board on the field activities: Service Department: remote read meters installed on 30 accounts; 1375 meter reads; 68 straight meters to radio; 159 tag orders; 100 service calls; and 697 utility locations were located.

Smith stated Well Site #6 was back online. He ended up replacing the booster pump seals there last month too. He mentioned the overall pumping amount was up do to the warmer weather. The distribution crew continues to make progress on the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue water main relay project. Crews did 58 service line taps for new subdivisions and inspections on both private and public jobs kept staff busy.

August gallons pumped: 109,802,000


### **Secretary Report –**

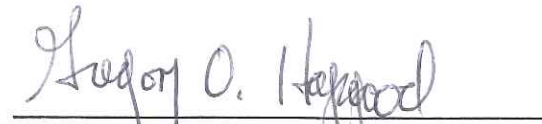
Steigerwaldt informed the board there were 21 new building permits issued last month. He told the board he has requested arbitration with the insurance company on the electrolysis insurance claim for the pump at Well site #6. He also stated staff was receiving quotes to repair the damaged shingles on two buildings which the insurance company found hail damage.

Steigerwaldt mentioned the auditors were approximately 65% done with the department's annual audit. They have kept staff busy off and on with multiple inquiries and documentation requests.

The next regular monthly meeting for the water board was set for 5:15 PM on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

  
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Todd Steigerwaldt  
Secretary

  
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Gregory O. Hapgood  
Chairman