

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, April 24, 2015, 8:30 AM

Water & Sewer Department Office

1. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Requirements

All Freedom of Information requirements having been met, the meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM. Those present were: Committee Members Susan Middaugh (Chair), Chauncey Clark, Jerry Kaynard; Administrators Greg Gress, Andy Benke. Absent: Jason Blanton;

2. **Status report on I&I project:** Work is continuing on schedule. No problems.

3. FY16 W&S Budget

Operational budget for Water and Sewer was reviewed in detail.

It was agreed to add to Pending Items consideration of the Town's chlorination processing. If a change in methodology is desired, this could possibly be done as part of the FEMA Grant, if funded. It was agreed that the Plant Manager will ask HDR regarding this possibility.

Water Budget: It was agreed that \$25,000 of the amount planned as new addition to reserves would be used instead for Capital Items for a total Water Budget increase of 2.2%

The need for a Rate Study, last carried out in 2008, was discussed. In particular, the question of whether it would be advantageous to change to an REU system is of interest.

MOTION: by Jerry Kaynard to put on a future agenda a study of an REU system. Seconded by Chauncey Clark and passed unanimously.

Sewer Budget: This was discussed in detail.

MOTION: by Susan Middaugh to recommend for first reading the Water Budget as amended and the Sewer Budget unchanged. Seconded by Chauncey Clark. Passed on a vote of 2 to 1 with Jerry Kaynard voting against the motion.

Jerry Kaynard proposed an amendment to this motion: to have no rate increase for the Water budget, to eliminate \$35,000 from the Sewer Budget, and to recommend to Council the sale of a lot to fund the Sewer System Reserve account. There being no second, the amendment was not passed.

4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 pm on a motion by Chauncey Clark, second by Susan Middaugh, and passed unanimously.

Minutes approved June 16, 2015

Approved at the June 16, 2015 Regular Council Meeting