



Minutes of April 23, 2020

A meeting of the Wausau Water Works Commission was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall on April 23, 2020. In compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, this meeting was posted and receipted for by the Wausau Daily Herald on April 21, 2020.

Members present: President Rosenberg, Commissioners Force, Miller, Herbst, Gehin.

Others present: Eric Lindman, Dave Erickson, Scott Boers, Valerie Swanborg, Steve Opatik/Becher Hoppe, Mike Gerbitz/Donohue, Dave Voss/Miron Construction, Alderman Ryan.

1) Approve Minutes of the March 3, 2020 Meeting.

Force asked about the landfill leachate and the 6 month timeframe. Have we started that yet, are we taking leachate? Erickson responded that we have not started yet but will start on May 1st.

Force inquired on the plan of having Ehler's look at the residential/commercial water rate split, has anything taken place on that? Lindman responded that he has been talking with Brian Roemer/Ehler's and they are working on that along with trying to finalize the sewer rates. Force asked if we might see something at the next meeting. Lindman responded we might depending on when the next meeting is, otherwise it might be the following meeting.

Force advised that we had talked about when we give out Northwoods Mist water donations, there were concerns about the bottles not being properly recycled and becoming litter. Do we have a plan for trying to enforce that even though it may be difficult? Maybe we could require the organization to give us a written statement as to how they're recycling the bottles, if they don't do that and don't recycle the bottles we do not donate to them in the future. Boers responded that we are looking at just having a sheet that would need to be signed by the organization certifying that they would have the bottles recycled. Force thought maybe the verbiage could be that we wouldn't give them free water in the future if they don't recycle the bottles. Boers agreed however he hasn't followed up on it, because of Covid-19 there are no events taking place where organizations would be requesting donations at this time.

Gehin moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Herbst and the motion carried 5-0.

2) Director's Report on Utility Operations.

Gehin stated that he thinks he could offer some input for the I/I study. It was indicated to him that there was a scope of work being prepared and he'd be happy to offer his input in areas that he feels need attention by our consultant. Lindman responded that would be very beneficial and he will share that scope of services with him and all the commissioners once it's received.

Force stated that on the Thomas Street siphon project there was some minor discussion on Facebook with citizens asking what was going on there. He drove down before the meeting and we've obviously took trees down on both sides of the river with digging going on. Could we post a sign explaining what that project is? Lindman advised we could look at preparing a sign. Would he want it by the social services building? Force responded yes, by their parking lot so people know what's going on. Gehin added that the purpose of that line is to minimize or avoid the overflow event that we had a couple years ago.

Gehin requested Erickson to speak to the vacancies in wastewater and the process to fill those vacancies. Erickson explained that for various reasons there are quite a few open positions at the wastewater plant. There are 2 brand new positions, there have been some retirements and a couple that have left for various other reasons. We have 6 open positions where we are authorized to have 14. Some of these were key positions and we've lost a lot of experience. There have been issues with getting a process in place for interviewing and hiring but he's strongly pushing to get those positions filled. With COVID-19 we could have people out because they are quarantined or have family members that need their attention and we are below minimum staff levels now. He is pushing HR to come up with a plan to fill those positions.

Gehin asked if those positions have been advertised. Erickson responded that they've advertised for all of those positions but not all of the vacancies. For example they've advertised for one maintenance sewer collection person but we have 3 vacancies. There are interviews to complete and could maybe fill one position out of this pool of candidates and then advertise for the other 2 positions. Force asked if we are getting applicants. Erickson responded that they do have quite a few applicants. Force advised that he is aware that filling positions in the clean water profession across the country is a problem. Do we have any plans to attend career fairs at the Technical College or University? Erickson advised that he's open to any ideas to find the most qualified candidates. The Technical College and University are aware of the positions at the wastewater plant for anyone interested or taking part in those programs. Gehin asked if there have been any applicants for the lab technician position. Erickson advised they did start with the phone interviews for that position and they've got some very good candidates. They also have some interns working at the plant. Emily has been with them for a period of time and has done an excellent job filling in however she leaves the end of May.

Force raised an observation about Solar Energy. It seems anytime we evaluate Solar or an alternative energy project, we usually shoot it down because it's not cost effective. He saw the observation of solar at the water plant being a 10 year payback. Somehow we need to factor in the green aspect of it. Yes it's not going to pay back in 3 years but it's a green project and is going to reduce our use of fossil fuels and might serve as an example to our community that there are green alternatives that are feasible. Rosenberg agreed that she thinks we should have some criteria where we make that a priority.

Director's Report placed on file.

3) Discussion and Possible Action on Applying for Private Side Lead Service Line Forgivable Loans.

Lindman explained that Wisconsin will be receiving some additional funding for the private side lead service line program and we're going to apply for that this fall. This will be brought back to the commission as we move along. Force noticed approximately \$60 million is being allocated plus about \$25 million that was left over from previous efforts. Lindman advised that the commission allocated \$3,000.00 per lead line replacement. Force advised at \$5,000.00 per lead line replacement that's only 17,000 replacements available for the state of Wisconsin which isn't very many. Therefore, we should get in line, show what we'd like to

replace and make a good case for it.

Motion by Force to approve and move as quickly as we can to apply for a portion of that funding. Seconded by Gehin. Motion carried 5-0.

Gehin asked if it was mandatory to have the private side lead lateral replacement ordinance in place. Boers responded it is not, not for this program. Gehin stated he was afraid that if we did do that and this money runs out that will not go over well.

4) Discussion on Establishing a Mandatory Private Side Lead Lateral Replacement Ordinance.

Lindman advised it is heavily encouraged by the DNR to implement an ordinance and it's been discussed in the past. He wanted to discuss again to see if there is any appetite from the commission to take a look at this. We could bring examples of other communities and have a discussion on whether this is something the commission would want to promote. We have had very little success in getting people to voluntarily replace their lines. It's probably been about 10%-12% on each of our large projects on the private side. Boers responded that without the subsidized funding it had been less than 1% and even with the funding of \$3,000.00 per service we're at about 40% over the last 3 years for people that have had eligible lead lines and accepted the funding. Lindman advised we want to be methodical on how we replace those lines rather than just sporadically throughout the city. The commission did approve a priority list on how we're going to do that and we are following that. The commissioners put some significant thought into this, we could revisit priorities at another time and also think of a way to get our residents to be more proactive as we need to get this lead out of our water system.

Force said he does worry about making it mandatory as we'll be asking people to pay more for their water/wastewater service soon. He doesn't think a mandatory ordinance would go over very well but do need to encourage people to do this. He asked if we could table until the next meeting and have examples from other communities.

Gehin stated that the utility has done a great job of replacing their side and thought we were at least 50% complete in replacing those. He doesn't think people understand that there is the public owned portion and then from the property line to the house is private and that's what we're discussing here. Boers confirmed that the utility side should have over half of the laterals changed over to copper at this time.

Motion by Force to table until the next water commission meeting and provide some examples from other communities with respect to lead removal ordinances. Seconded by Gehin.

Alderman Deb Ryan, 702 Elm St. provided comment:

Ryan advised she was living in Madison and renting her home when she believes Elm Street was redone back in 2007. She was talking long distance with Wausau Water Works staff and was told her water lateral was located on N 7th Ave and not to worry about it. She moved back in 2009 and realized the lateral is in fact on Elm. She has been quite vocal with the residents in her area that this is a freebie but the utility has pretty much gone with the priorities of bigger business and childcare centers. In recent years she's aware that Elm Street

would qualify, as the road has been redone. Callon was done last year, 12th Ave. had road repairs done as well as up on Maple. Kent St. also had their street redone. If the utility would consider looking at these other homeowners that they've ignored for over 4 years and we got the word out she thinks that would change. She knows through her experience in grants that if you're not getting much input, you may not qualify. We need to encourage spending those funds and getting the word out. So far the utility has been ignoring homeowners that have had their roads redone and at the time this was brought up on Elm St., it was poor. They were talking about \$5-10k and people were concerned about how they'd pay for that assessment. She wishes the utility would reconsider and look at the streets that were previously done and still have lead laterals. She wishes we would quit ignoring those residents and consider them up at the top of the list so we are getting homeowners that are interested.

Miller questioned the assertion that residents are being ignored. Lindman responded that the residents aren't being ignored. When we had received the grant funding or forgivable loan funding, the commission had approved how this would be set up. The priority would be in our reconstruction projects. The idea behind this was that the money would go further because a lot of the excavation was being done during the reconstruction project. The commission allowed up to \$3,000.00 for the homeowner to receive in a grant and anything above that the homeowner would have to pay. We advertised that, sent out multiple mailings for each of the projects and since it's voluntary, we didn't have a lot of involvement from the residents. The next priority is previous street reconstruction projects. We have just started talking about those because we still do have funding available that will need to be spent this year. We are starting to look at 2016 and earlier street reconstruction projects. We will start sending out mailings to those and will work backwards from 2016 to 2015 and so on until that money is expended. With the new money that we are proposing to apply for we will take that same approach because we know what services are out there. Force asked if that would include some of the streets that Alderman Ryan is referring to. Lindman advised he wasn't sure when Elm St. was redone but eventually we will probably get there. Force stated that he believes those grant funds were made available maybe 3 years ago? Boers responded that the funding became available in 2017. Gehin advised Miss Ryan made it sound like the utility didn't replace their side either but he finds that hard to believe, he thinks we even beefed up the pipe. Boers confirmed the utility side would have been replaced during those reconstruction projects. Gehin commented that it would be strictly the private side and the homeowner would have to initiate that but it would depend on where she would be on the priority list.

Rosenberg clarified the motion and the second is to table this until the next meeting of May 5th. Gehin clarified if we don't have the information by then it will be as soon as possible. Motion carried 5-0.

5) Discussion and Possible Action on Installing a Barrier around the Reservoir Park Overflow Pipe.

Boers advised he had an excerpt of a memo from July of 2019 in the packet. Force had

brought this to his attention. Looking back Force nor Miss Ryan were at that meeting so Force had asked that we bring this back. Force stated that he doesn't take any issue with Boers' findings or discussions as far as the safety issue is concerned. He feels some shrubbery or some plantings around that area would just add to the aesthetics since it is in a park. Boers responded that he can revisit that with the parks department. Their initial thought with that was that it would be an additional maintenance item. Force confirmed they do have people that maintain shrubs and trees.

Rosenberg questioned whether or not we need a motion to revisit this with the parks department. The consensus was that no motion was necessary.

6) Discussion and Possible Action for a Water Conservation Education Program to Help Customers Offset Higher Water Bills.

Lindman stated that Force has brought up ways that we can inform the public on things to do to conserve water and help them out with their bills. There is a water education group that can help us do that and put the word out. They cover everything from lead service lines to water heating, etc. He thinks this is a good place to start and if they can help us out that would be beneficial. Force agreed there are a lot of good resources out there and he would like to see a very specific plan developed for how we're going to communicate that information to our customers. He didn't see anything in the packet materials in regards to WaterSense Appliances and that could be in our materials as well.

Herbst believes this would be a good thing to put in our Wausau Works for You newsletter because that reaches many citizens.

Miller had mentioned at the last meeting about having a PSA similar to the one on what and what not to recycle through Marathon County. Force is sure the local TV stations would be more than happy to carry those and maybe we can partner with them to get that done. Miller mentioned public access could possibly help develop something as well.

Force advised that he's been researching whether there are any foundation funds available to help people pay their utility bills. He knows there is for electric but wasn't sure if anything existed for the water. If a resident can't afford the rate increases could they apply for a grant and get some help with that. He will continue to look into that.

No motion necessary.

7) Discussion and Possible Action on Approving an Amendment from Clark Dietz Engineers for Construction Management Services Related to the Industrial Park Lift Station & Force Main Projects.

Lindman explained that Clark Dietz has completed the design and we are bidding right now on the pump replacements along with additional work at the lift station. This amendment would be for the construction administration of those as well as the startup, training and other things that we need. He would recommend that we move forward and keep them on board.

Motion by Gehin to approve amendment #6 for \$49,900.00. Seconded by Miller.

Gehin asked Lindman what the final project cost was. Lindman would have to look at the estimate and get back to him.

Gehin asked for the status of the insertion points for pigging of the force main. Erickson advised that they did have a couple delays but have most of those squared away. The agreement with the railroads are pretty much in place. There were some issues with the wording on the bid documents related to insurance and that has been worked out. The other big thing were easements with adjacent property owners. To make use of the insertion points they would need to cross those properties. We're hoping to get those resolved soon. Gehin asked about ice pigging and if that concept is still being considered. Erickson responded that we've pretty much ruled that out since the scale on the inside of the pipe is pretty hard and they recommend more insertion points for ice pigging than conventional pigging. The plans are all in place. Gehin asked what property owners we are dealing with. Erickson responded 2 are on the Veritas Steel property, Alter Metal Recycling and ProBuild.

Lindman advised the cost on the lift station was \$515,000.00.

Motion by Gehin to approve amendment #6 for \$49,900.00. Seconded by Miller.

Motion carried 5-0

8) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Transfer of Warranty Maintenance Contract for the Micro-turbines from Unison Solutions to Vergent Power Solutions.

Erickson advised some years ago, micro-turbines were put in to burn the methane that we have at the wastewater plant to generate electricity. We had purchased an extended services agreement and a warranty. That warranty is from the manufacturer which is Capstone but they had contracted with Unison to do the maintenance on the micro-turbines. That contractual arrangement has changed and as a result we would have a new contract with Vergent Power Solutions. His understanding is that the warranty is with the manufacturer and that won't change. The terms of the warranty period extend in January and he wants everything straightened out maintenance wise by then. The only concern here is that we are changing businesses.

Force asked if we need to approve this. Erickson advised we had a contract with Unison do to this work and they are proposing to change that to Vergent.

Motion by Force to approve moving the contract to Vergent Power Solutions. Seconded by Herbst.

Gehin asked for the cost for these services. Erickson responded he believed it was \$20,000.00 per year or \$5,000.00 per quarter. That includes some upgrades as we go along. Gehin asked if we are pleased with the work that's happened with the warranty up to this point. Erickson stated he is generally pleased however one of the micro-turbines efficiency isn't quite as good as the other one. We are not getting our 65 kilowatts out of it so we want to get that resolved.

Again, Motion by Force to approve moving the contract to Vergent Power Solutions. Seconded by Herbst. Motion carried 5-0.

9) Discussion and Possible Action on Hiring a Third Party Consultant Firm to Complete an Asset Management/Operation Assessment of the Proposed DWTF & WWTF to Allow for Enhancing System Operations and Data Usage.

Rosenberg indicated this was something she had requested early on. Lindman advised that

the Mayor had requested he look into this because of the new plants and the advantages we can have moving forward with both of these projects. He called engineering firms to help out and get some input. Clark Dietz is doing some work with other utilities related to asset management, operation assessment and other similar things. Tonia/Clark Dietz was able to help summarize some of the things that they have been doing and what would be a benefit to the city if the commission would like to pursue this. In the packet was a layout of potential savings and management of the facilities that could improve the longevity of the facilities as well as the assets in them.

Gehin stated that he thinks it's a good idea but would like to ask that this be delayed. He'd like to hear from our consultants as to what services they are going to be providing under their contract which could be redundant. Gerbitz will be speaking later down in the agenda to address this. Rosenberg confirmed we would wait until later into the agenda to hear from Gerbitz before we take a vote on this item.

10) Discussion and Possible Action on the Award of the DWTF Project.

Lindman advised he's been working with Donohue on some memos summarizing these projects and the review of the bids, which on the DWTF were favorable to the city. There are some recommendations and proposals moving forward for the commission consideration. Donohue is in attendance as well as the low bid contractor, Miron. Lindman clarified that he would like to move forward with this project in full with all of the add alternates. The original budget for this project was \$40.9 million, this would increase the budget to \$43.8 million. That is the impact fiscally. Force asked if that translates to an additional \$1.00 per quarter on the rates for a total increase of \$21 per quarter from the original estimated increase of \$20 per quarter. Lindman advised that is correct.

Motion by Gehin to proceed so we can have the presentation. Seconded by Force.

Presentation by Mike Gerbitz/Donohue:

Gerbitz explained that he will speak to a memo that was included in the packet in regards to the DWTF, the WWTF project as well as rates for both projects. Families pay for water/wastewater in the same bill so it's important to look at those things together.

The memo looks at a range that we established in our estimate and for large projects that's an appropriate way to look at these. For this particular project, the base bid plus all the alternates was below our estimate and the project budget that was established. We included an add-alternate in the project which is an administration/shop building. The city needs this and asked to add that item to see if the bids would fit within the budget and it ended up being very close. The administration/shop building is a need that the city has and it is unlikely to ever be cheaper as part of this project because of the economy as a scale. If it was done separately we would expect it to cost more. With the cost of money today, financing rates and all of the other things, they would recommend moving forward with the base bid and all of the add-alternates including the administration/shop building.

Force asked what an operations/maintenance building is. This seemed to come out of the blue and was never discussed before that he recalled. Boers advised this would be the building that is currently our meter shop. Right now the meter shop and water plant are right next to

each other and this would be moving both at the same time. The original thought was that eventually both would be there, we just didn't know if the funding would be available to have both of them move at the same time. It just so happens to be working out right now. Force asked if this building would be devoted to the water department. Boers advised in its current capacity, yes. Right now staff is split, we have offices at the distribution shop and one office at the water plant. This would centralize the administration staff and 99% of the operations staff. There would be minimal staffing at the plant with a plant operator and tech. Force clarified it would be 2 buildings. Boers confirmed it would be 2 buildings and code is inhibitive of having one building and it's also less expensive to have 2 buildings rather than a building attached to the plant.

Gehin indicated it makes sense to consolidate staff. In relation to agenda item #9, he'd like to hear more on that because of where we are with bidding and the safe drinking water revolving fund, it's important for us to move forward with that.

Gerbitz spoke to agenda #9 regarding the Clark Dietz asset management. He does think that is a good project and is consistent with some of the things they've talked about during design. Neither of the facilities have a well-developed and certainly not a modern asset management system where all the pieces of equipment are entered in and a lot of operations and maintenance data is collected and stored for asset management and good decision making. Asset management is something that should happen and now is the time to do it with these 2 projects. There will be all new equipment and new tag numbers. To be a cost effective utility, it requires you first and foremost to have a good data manager so you can make fact based decisions and assist how to best spend your money. The optimization part of it will be a considerable amount of training and commissioning assistance. Some of this would be outside the scope of what would be included in typical commissioning services such as testing polymers and further pilot studies.

Gehin has a question about the asset management. Is that typically managed by engineering or an accountant? Gerbitz advised that usually engineering as it is highly technical. Gehin feels it's a little premature since we can't test anything until the plant is built. Gerbitz reiterated that this is an important project and the timing is up to the city.

Rosenberg clarified that the motion we need on this agenda item is awarding the DWTF project. Force asked if this goes back to council. Rosenberg confirmed the borrowing portion would go back to council. Lindman explained how the loan is set up for the safe drinking water program. Right now the PSC is finalizing the rates, once that is finalized the DOA will do their due diligence which basically allows us to borrow that money and then there is a financial assistance agreement that will go to City Council for approval on June 9th, which will allow the borrowing. Force asked if it's possible the PSC would recommend a rate that is lower than the one we are anticipating. Lindman responded that anything is possible but they haven't indicated anything like that. The public hearing is on Tuesday and then it would be about 6-10 days before they finalize the rates; according to the PSC.

Motion to award the DWTF project carried 5-0.

11) Discussion and Possible Action on the Award of the WWTF Project (Bid Opening April 21, 2020).

Lindman advised this is very recent and Donohue will walk us through the memo. Miron was the low bidder and is in attendance. We don't need to make a final decision today but he wanted to focus on how we want to move forward. We've been doing due diligence, reviewing the bids, working with our low bidder and working those numbers down as much as possible. They can work with their subs as well.

Gerbitz advised the bids were just opened. He put together a brief outline of those bids and the project costs. The project will be funded through the Clean Water Fund. The current rate for a 20 year loan is 1.76% and the current rate for a 30 year loan is 1.87%. They don't know of anybody that has used a 30 year loan term in Wisconsin on a treatment project to date but they encourage using a 30 year term. There is perfect evidence that treatment facilities have a 30 year life. Both the drinking water and wastewater projects are eligible for a 30 year loan.

The project budget was \$80 million back in 2019. This year we are eligible for \$1.75 million in principle forgiveness which is effectively a grant that expires June 30th. Starting at \$80 million and subtracting off line items we arrive at a construction budget of approximately \$71 million.

The low base bid was Miron for \$74.2 million. The decision with the 12 alternates will be discussed with staff. Some are required to meet the low level phosphorous limit. The minimum project would be the base bid plus alternate 8. One thing not reflected is that the bid form allows or considers the cost for alternative manufacturers. In some instances, there is preference for one over the other. If the city were to take some of those alternative manufacturers, that would be a deduction of \$690,000.00. The Miron base bid was above our range and exceeded the budget. They were surprised and are not used to seeing projects of this size come in at the top of the range. Gerbitz did point out that as far as the alternates, Miron's pricing on the alternates were in most instances below the estimates.

Water and wastewater customers will be paying for these projects on the same bill. The combined cost of both of these projects together are close to budget. The cost of work has gone up since we first started discussing these projects. The quarterly bill for a typical residential user is \$108.00 (\$47 for water and \$61 for wastewater). The estimated and presented quarterly rate increases have been \$20-\$21 for drinking water and \$29.00 for wastewater. This is consistent with what we've been talking about since 2018. In all of our past scenarios, wastewater would be funded for 30 years and drinking water would be funded for 20 years. Gerbitz explained a scenario with drinking water moving to a 30 year loan and the wastewater including the most important alternates puts the city in a unique situation with rates.

Gerbitz explained that if we don't move in early May with the drinking water we will lose our eligibility for the safe drinking water revolving loans. The table is set for both of these projects including funding, DNR approval and building approval.

Miller asked for clarification. We've done an awful lot of work on both of these. If we don't move on these, we could lose funding. Gerbitz confirmed that is correct. Miller also commented how this information is perceived by the media. This information has been made public numerous times.

Lindman advised from a staff perspective it is not in our best interest to rebid this project. Through value engineering we might be able to have some cost advantages working with the

different manufacturer equipment bids and the low bidder. If the commission is comfortable with awarding with due diligence than they can do that. If they want to wait until the value engineering and due diligence is done and then approve that is fine too. Rosenberg warned that moving this to council without having a firm number could cause political concern.

Dave Voss/Miron Construction:

He understands this is a big decision with large dollars involved. Anytime you have a major water or wastewater project in Wisconsin you have 2 bidders, CD Smith and Miron Construction. CD Smith and Miron do 98% of all that type of work in the state. When this job came up they both wanted it really bad. Miron worked hard, assembled a great team, went out and tried to find their successes and where they were going to be low. Numerous weeks were spent in putting this bid together and he thinks they have a terrific number. As soon as the bids were opened Gerbitz called a little distressed and as a company, they turned over their entire recap including their markup to Donohue and said we want to work with you. It's a big job and they have a lot of time and energy invested already. They'd like to make it work for the City of Wausau. They've done a lot of work in the last 36 hours and think they've identified where the problem is and they're working on that together. As to the comment on whether or not this should be rebid, Miron would step back and not rebid this again. In the last 3-4 years there hasn't been a lot of this type of work out there but over the past year it's been a floodgate. He believes there are 5 projects over \$250 million dollars total right now. The minute they find out this one is pulled back, Miron will go on to the next one, and they have to. They have 1600 employees and their families that they have to feed every day and that's his job. Miron is a Wausau company that employs over 350 people in the Wausau area that work and live here every day. Wausau people will be building the water and wastewater plants if Miron Construction is awarded the job. They will work until the ends of the earth for Donohue and they did a great job on the plans. He thinks they have a great number but will work on bringing it down.

Gerbitz wanted to clarify that value engineering is done on every project. He wants to be clear that Miron will not be submitting a new bid, they can't do that. We will come to some understanding on where money can be saved and that can be done by change order.

Rosenberg clarified the motion to be that we anticipate accepting this bid but will revisit at the next meeting with value engineering savings.

Motion by Gehin to continue with value engineering with Miron before approving this project. Seconded by Force. Motion carried 5-0

Rosenberg brought us back to revisit agenda item #9. Force believes this is best practice and is something he would like to do if we can afford it. However, there is no cost indicated in the material that we have here today and doesn't see any examples of work that Clark Dietz has done in this arena. He'd like to see both of those before he's comfortable with moving ahead with this.

Lindman advised that maybe he was unclear but this is agenda item was really just to help

us understand what could be done and our intent would be to do an RFP with the scope of services.

Gehin advised some things such as the asset management needs to be addressed during construction however some of the other things could come after start up.

Motion by Gehin to give staff the direction to go ahead and start working on this and as they get things together to bring it back for commission consideration. Seconded by Herbst.

Force added that if we do an RFP he would like to see those who are interested give us examples of work they've done.

Gehin would like to look to our staff to have some opportunity to also operate the plant efficiently.

Motion carried 5-0.

12) Discussion on the Next Proposed Commission Meeting.

Lindman advised we have a regular scheduled meeting for May 5th and he would think we'd want to keep that. We will bring the wastewater costs back and if we have anything on the lead service line we will do it at that time.

13) Adjourn.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Herbst to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Force. Motion carried 5-0.