Minutes of July 6, 2021

A meeting of the Wausau Water Works Commission was called to order at 1:32 p.m. in City Hall on Tuesday, July 6th, 2021. In compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, this meeting was posted and receipted for by the Wausau Daily Herald on July 1st, 2021.

Members Present: President Rosenberg, Commissioners Robinson, Herbst, Force, Gehin.
Others Present: Scott Boers, Dave Erickson, Valerie Swanborg, Nathan Miller, Tonia Westphal/Clark- Dietz, Stephen Opatik/Beecherhoppe, Via Webex- Chris Collins/Sunvest, Toni Vanderboom.

1) **Approve Minutes of June 1st, 2021 Meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes by Herbst, Seconded by Gehin.

Robinson requests moving forward to have minutes capture the intent of the motion and compress the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes and have briefer minutes in the future, motion carried 5-0, passes unanimously.

2) **Director's Report on Utility Operations.**

Boers asked if there were any questions.

Force asked if the leak detection survey was on going.

Boers states the contractor will be here until Monday and we should have a report at the next meeting.

Robinson asked about the CW3 well's purpose.

Boer's reiterated some comments noted in the agenda item, discussion between Robinson and Gehin outlined reasons and requirements of the superfund agreement signed in 1988 with EPA. Discussion also included work being done to move towards complete shutdown of well 3.

Force asked on the Lead and Copper sampling as an investigative basis.

Boers replied we gave the option to the Homeowner's on the list approved by the DNR that we take the regulatory samples from annually. The upper limit is 15 ppb we were at 4.9 ppb so that was below the action level.

Force questioned what meters are going in.

Boers replied Sensus Meters in residential change outs. Director's Report placed on file, no motion needed.

3) Discussion and Possible Action on a Utility Owned Solar Array or Partnership with WPS.

Robinson states we should explore this and continue to see other opportunities going forward in partnership. Makes a motion to move forward with the utility implementing the solar array panels but to continue to explore partnership opportunities with all other entities.

Seconded by Force to entertain a motion with the utility owned array but continue to explore other possible partnerships. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Discussion and Possible Action on the LSL Replacement Program.

Boers presented the updated costs from the previous memo last month and the recommendation was to go with the option of contracting the work out.

Force agrees with the recommendation of using outside contractors to replace the private and public side, it makes sense, because with this job market we might not be able to find crew members to hire plus the resources required for training. We do need a mandated ordinance to replace the owner's side in the city.

Rosenberg asked if that was a motion to go with replacement program using contracted services, while maintaining our efforts, moving forward with a good communications outreach plan, and looking at an ordinance change.

Force states he will make that motion. Seconded by Herbst. Passes unopposed.

5) Discussion and Possible Action on the Sole Source Purchase Request for the Rehabilitation and Retrofit of the 2.5 MG Prestressed Concerete Tank, Elm St. Reservoir.

Boers presented the Commission with the project description and costs. Stating the current budget for this project is $180,000.

Gehin motioned to move forward with the planned rehab of the 2.5 MG reservoir. Seconded by Herbst. Passes unanimously

6) Adjourn.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting is adjourned.

Gina Vang, Recording Secretary
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