



Minutes of May 7, 2013

A meeting of the Wausau Water Works Commission was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall on May 7, 2013. In compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, this meeting was posted and receipted for by the Wausau Daily Herald on May 3, 2013.

1) **Roll Call**

Members present: President Tipple, Commissioners Million, Otto, Rebman, and Utilities Director Marquardt.

Others present: Dick Boers, Dave Erickson, Kevin Fabel; Don Swailes, AECOM; Ken Ligman, Becher Hoppe Associates.

2) **Approve Minutes of March 12, 2013**

Motion by Mr. Rebman to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Million. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Annual Report to the PSC was filed by the due date.
- HomeServe has been soliciting customers for water lateral insurance. We've recommended customers doing their homework prior to signing up.
- Staff has received a verbal request to extend water and sewer on Boot Ln.
- Rehab of Well 3 has been completed.
- Staff has completed rehab of one of the filters at Water Treatment Plant.
- Hydrant flushing will start May 13
- Numerous main breaks including one off Grand Ave.
- Distribution crew will be installing new piece of main by municipal airport.
- Electrical service has been terminated to the translator antenna of WMZK radio. They have started making some payments, but indicated that they were thinking of taking their antenna off by Sept.
- National Drinking Water Week being celebrated
- Received letter from Maichong Lor thanking staff for the fine job they do providing quality drinking water.
- Working with Energenecs to see if we can accept the limitations of the Huber screen.
- Bids are out to replace the 10th Street lift station.
- DNR conducted inspection at WWTP.
- DNR found issues with the pre-treatment program which are being addressed.
- New intern will be starting shortly.
- Sludge hauling has had a late start due to the wet, late spring
- Kevin Fabel has been hired as the new Environmental Engineer.
- City received EPA grant for opening Stinchfield Creek.
- Sewer crew received a thank you for their courteous, efficient work.

- Ken Blomberg, WRWA is retiring. Retirement party is being held on May 30. Ken was one of the guest speakers at our 125th Anniversary celebration.

Motion by Mr. Million to accept the Director's Report as presented and place on file. Seconded by Mr. Otto. Motion carried unanimously.

4) **Review Compliance Inspection Report - WWTP**

Eric Donaldson, DNR, recently inspected the WWTP. Pretreatment review was a little more intense. Issues included visiting industries more frequently, needing to document correspondence better, and sampling location need to be taken where the process is taking place.

5) **Review 2012 Annual Report to PSC**

Annual report to the PSC was reviewed. It was noted that operating cash is quite low. Water loss was still up, as a result of the bad main break, however we expect to see lower numbers for the 2013 report.

Motion by Mr. Otto to approve and place on file. Seconded by Mr. Rebman. Motion carried unanimously.

6) **Authorize Rate Study Application for Drinking Water Division**

Per the PSC report, it was noted that cash was going down, and that we need to look at performing a rate study. Typically a study takes about nine months to turn around. Rates are determined by the PSC.

Motion by Mr. Rebman to approve a rate study application for the Drinking Water Division. Seconded by Mr. Million. Motion carried unanimously.

7) **Approve Main Extensions**

- **Boot Ln** – north of Hwy. U. 3 lots off Brandon Circle on Boot Lane. With the Highway U and K reconstruction, one of property owners looking to move their home to Boot Lane. Cost would be around \$36,000, all assessable. North side of road is in Town of Maine. If the north side were to annex, they would be assessed at the point of annexation.

Motion by Mr. Million to approve the extension on Boot Lane. Seconded by Mr. Rebman. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Airport** – field where the balloon rally is held, they are looking to extend water on the north side of the property with a hydrant to provide water for the Rib Fest and for lawn sprinkling. All water would be metered. Noted that additional hangars may potentially be built in this area in the future.

Motion by Mr. Otto to approve the extension at the Wausau Municipal Airport. Seconded by Mr. Rebman. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Stinchfield Creek** – 96" storm sewer extends across a 16 acre property that the City purchased several years ago. Plans are to open up the creek, which may promote future development. Makes sense to extend the sanitary sewer, and connect the current water main which dead ends to also provide water service for future development. Estimated cost is \$40,000 for water and sewer.

Motion by Mr. Rebman to authorize the work around Stinchfield Creek. Seconded by Mr. Otto. Motion carried unanimously.

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8) Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Million to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rebman. Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Keene Winters

Secretary

Deb Geier, Recording Secretary

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