



CITY OF MERRILL

WATER & SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES • WEDNESDAY JULY 24, 2019

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Alderman Norton called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Osness	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
Steve Hass	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Street & Weed Commissioner Ron Liberty, Fire Chief Josh Klug, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel (arr. 5:10), Steve Sabatke, Dawn Bernatz (Church Mutual), Mike Forslund (Strand Associates Inc.) and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A representative from Merrill Productions was present to videotape the meeting.

II. Preliminary Items

1. June Vouchers

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Discussion on Water Tower - Mike Forslund from Strand will be at the meeting for a presentation, questions and answers

Representing Strand Associates, Mike Forslund gave a presentation on the potential new tower. The presentation included information on the following:

- Project History
- Existing System Highlights
- Wisconsin DNR and Ten States Recommended Standard Guideline for Storage
- Documented System Deficiencies

Mr. Forslund's report concluded by noting that constructing a 300,000 elevated tank would address each of the deficiencies.

The floor was then opened for questions and comments. Representing Church Mutual, Dawn Bernatz spoke in favor of a new tower.

Fire Chief Klug reported on the benefits that a new tower would provide to the Fire Department and the City.

Alderman Osness stated that, in his opinion, the difference in an insurance rating of "2" as compared to a "3" rating would have a minimum effect on premiums.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey remarked that a new tower would be an investment.

Steve Sabatke asked whether a site for a potential new tower has been selected. He was told that the site has been selected (Thielman Street, east of the DNR Ranger Station).

At the August meeting, a decision will be made on whether to include the new tower for consideration in the 2020 Capital Budget. No action was taken at this time.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Establish date, time & location of next meeting

Wednesday, August 28th, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VI. Adjournment

Motion (Hass/Osness) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:33 P.M.