



CITY OF MERRILL

WATER & SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES • WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18, 2019

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Alderman Norton called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Osness	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
Mike Rick	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	

Others in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Police Chief Corey Bennett and City Clerk Bill Heideman. Hunter Lane was present to videotape the meeting for Merrill Productions.

II. Preliminary Items

1. August Vouchers
2. September Vouchers
3. October Vouchers
4. November Vouchers

Motion (Osness/Rick) to approve the vouchers for August, September, October and November.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Consider 3.0% adjustment to Water & Sewage Service Fees for 2020

A copy of the proposed adjustments was in the meeting packet.

It was noted that this increase is only for specialized services that may be requested or necessary. It is not an increase in general water and sewer rates and would not result in an increase to a standard water/sewer bill.

Motion (Rick/Osness) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL

Next: 1/14/2020 7:00 PM

2. Discussion on potential internal funding for lead service line replacement

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reported that Public Service Regulations prohibit using the water utility as a source for an internal loan program. He does not think that an internal loan program needs to be established at this time.

Work continues on identifying which locations might still have lead lines. No action was taken at this time.

IV. Monthly Report

1. Operations Report

The report was in the meeting packet.

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reviewed the monthly report and provided additional verbal information.

The “grades” from the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report were also in the meeting packet. An “A” grade was received in all categories, resulting in a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average.

Upon being asked, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel provided data on levels since the power mixer was installed. The purchase of another mixer is being considered.

V. Public Comment Period

None.

VI. Establish date, time and location of next meeting

Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. Adjournment

Motion (Norton/Rick) to adjourn. Adjourned at 5:12 P.M. (No vote to adjourn was taken).