



CITY OF MERRILL

WATER & SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES • WEDNESDAY JANUARY 23, 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 and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A representative of Merrill Productions was in attendance to videotape the meeting.

II. Preliminary Items

1. November & December Vouchers

The voucher report was in the meeting packet. Utility Operations Manager Steinagel answered a question related to a voucher.

Motion (Osness/Hass) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Discussion on lead service line replacement

The meeting packet included a list of businesses and residences that are known to have lead service lines. The list is not all-inclusive and identification of lead service line locations will continue.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) were discussed as a method of addressing lead service line replacements for residential cases.

At this time, no formal action was necessary, requested or taken.

2. Discussion & recommendation on revising Ordinance Sec 38-152 (a)(5) to address the amount for ammonia-nitrogen charge for excess strength

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reported that the City Ordinances currently do not include a fee to charge septic tank/leachate haulers when these haulers discharge excess nitrogen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City is required to pay the state for such occurrences of excess nitrogen.

A fee of \$2.60 per pound is being proposed. Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reported that this amount is comparable to fees being charged by other municipalities in the area.

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve the ordinance amendment.

RESULT:	APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL	Next: 2/12/2019 7:00 PM
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IV. Monthly Report

1. Operations Report

The report was in the meeting packet. Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reviewed the report.

V. Public Comment Period

None.

VI. Establish date, time and location of next meeting

Wednesday, February 27th, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. Adjournment

Motion (Hass/Osness) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:12 P.M.