



405 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West  
Halstad, MN 56548

## **Halstad Municipal Utilities Commission met 6/16/21 at 10:05 AM at the Utilities Office.**

Commissioners President Tom Maroney, Darin Johnson, Ron Gotteberg  
Staff- Lucas Spaeth- Superintendent, Allison Tice Office Coordinator,  
MMUA Regional Safety Coordinator Brad Levasseur

Additions to agenda – NA

Approval of agenda – Motion Johnson, Second Gotteberg, M/C

Approval of minutes – Motion Gotteberg, Second Maroney, M/C

Check and credit card approval – Motion Maroney, Second Gotteberg, to approve expenditures. M/C

Financials Reviewed Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet- Commissioners we presented financials year to date. Monthly expenses in sewer slightly up from timing with sludge hauling.

Superintendent updated on the ECWRD water supply. The City of Halstad will apply for State of MN management and Budget for additional money to fund a regional water expansion. Application due for state bonding this Friday. Spaeth commented with the Federal direct spend and a State match the project will look much more economical and help serve more customers in need. HMU will continue to work alongside AE2S and ECRWD.

Motion was offered by Johnson to approve Inflow and Infiltration loan to Elizabeth Tovar Halstad Resident 130 6<sup>th</sup> Ave E. for property owned at 112 2<sup>nd</sup> street west. Second Gotteberg. M/C

Federal and State bond requests were discussed that the City of Halstad would have Resolution supporting the acceptance of State and Federal dollars for resilient, safe, and regional water supply.

Building need at HMU facilities were discussed paint and window construction rehab on building. Commissioners agreed to price the materials and labor for finishing the exterior.

Well and pumping for Agronomy was taxing on June 15<sup>th</sup> with 187,000 gallons being filtered and pumped for Ag spraying. Concern is too much at one time. Commissioners discussed options to limit and raise pricing to help with the long pump hours incurred on the pumps.

Superintendent Spaeth updated Commission of preemptive measures if local and regional drought continues HMU will monitor Static levels in wells. MN DNR and MDH have started with suggestions for longer drought for Metro and that all MN waters should take steps in preparation for summer drought. Spaeth then updated commission on the work involving Appareo and metering advise for AMI system and options.

Commissioners also received a look at possible electric sale to container style mining systems. Spaeth will meet with Minnkota and possible operators in mining and have a follow up in the coming month. Gotteberg asked that we take time to look at the downfalls along with the additional revenue stream.

Spaeth followed with U.R.G.E being completed June 9<sup>th</sup> and that we did not see a smaller payment with the run or the last year as expected from MISO. Meetings attended with Minnkota, MMUA and online training for water and sewer Certifications for employees. Upcoming meetings with Minnkota for mining and June monthly.

Next Regular Meeting Date –

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Johnson, second Gotteberg. M/C

Meeting Adjourned 11:40 AM

Secretary

Lucas Spaeth