



Halstad Municipal Utilities Commission met 09/20/24 at 12:45 PM at the Utilities Office.

Commissioners President Tom Maroney, Ron Gotteberg, Darin Johnson
Staff- Lucas Spaeth- Superintendent and Secretary, Allison Tice, Tony Wolff, Amanda Nelson
Additions to agenda –none

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

Approval of minutes – Motion to approve by Johnson, Second Maroney, M/C

Check and credit card approval – Motion Maroney, Second Gotteberg, to approve monthly claims for August. Discussed M/C

Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet- August and year to date financials presented by Tice. Commissioners discussed what the prices have done to financial performance and the prices of labor and materials for daily operations.

Spaeth updated on the final touches of the utility building and some small items for finish work.

Water Project discussion around the Preliminary Engineering Report(PER.) Spaeth commented that pricing within the PER was elastic around the potential dairy expansion, Rural Development dollars and the West Central Regional Water district (WCRWD) Project all needing final design and pricing. Spaeth added more uncertainty would come with State and Federal funding needed for these water projects. Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) will play a factor in the connection to WCRWD. The SCDP is for new water meters and working on the connection from WCRWD. City has 5 years to spend the \$600,000. Projects in the SCDP

- Establishment of a state-of-the-art pressure reducing and metering facility to enhance system efficiency.
- Replacement of outdated residential meters with advanced Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) capability, facilitating precise water management.
- Demolition of the aging water treatment infrastructure, making way for a more efficient and reliable system.
- The secure sealing of existing wells to mitigate potential contamination risks.
- Potential rehabilitation of the current water tower, ensuring its structural integrity and functionality for the community's benefit.

Spaeth will continue to meet with WCRWD about the formation and planning for the water connections.

The PER was reviewed: Motion to approve the PER for City Councils final approval made by Gotteberg: Second Johnson M/C

Spaeth updated Commission of NMPA stating the Agency is in a planning position with Coyote Station partners and Minnkota Coop operations for future of the Power Supply and Power Delivery post Coyotes future. Spaeth and Johnson would attend the upcoming Business Planning in Warroad September 24 and 25th. Spaeth will attend Minnkota Planning session September 27th.

Spaeth commented on time used to fulfill Perley and Borup contracts. All Staff is directed to take time to report hours and work within these contracts. Perley had a sample fail in water that was taking time and we had staff present for a force main fix off the Perley well line.

Spaeth met with CEO of Red River Valley Cooperative Power to discuss contractual opportunities in electric operations, maintenance and outages. Commissioner did ok that the contract be further developed with Red River for approval later.

Spaeth commented about an I&I loan that was submitted but needed some clarification and would follow up next board meeting.

Next regular council meeting, October 7, 2024.

Next Regular Meeting Date –

No other business to discuss.

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

Meeting adjourned 2:40 PM

Secretary- Lucas Spaeth