



MINUTES Water Board

4:00 PM - Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Water Department, 3050 5th Avenue

The Water Board of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 4:00 PM, at Water Department, 3050 5th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: John Bender, John McIntosh, Amy Olson, William Kling, and Terry Chew

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Todd Steigerwaldt, Andy Smith, and Curt Huhndorf

CALL TO ORDER

Board discussion on employee wage increase request for FY 25-26.

A memo and supporting exhibits were shared with the board to assist the board members in determining the FY 25-26 wage increases for the water department employees.

Motion to approve employee's wage increases for FY 25-26.

Moved by McIntosh, seconded by Chew, to approve FY 25-26 employee raises per discussion by the board during the above item.

Approved unanimously

Motion to approve the November 12th 2024 minutes and November 2024 payable invoices for \$1,501,036.21.

Moved by Bender, seconded by Olson, to approve above referenced items. Bender asked about the IMON fiber installation payment for fiber to the future elevated water tower site on Lucore Road. Steigerwaldt stated the board approved this payment at the November board meeting.

Approved unanimously

Motion to receive and file the November 2024 revenue, expense and financial reports.

Moved by Kling, seconded by McIntosh, to approve above referenced items. Steigerwaldt told the board a \$2 million CD was maturing Wednesday and he will reinvest this money in a bank with the best rate.

Approved unanimously

Motion approving payment to Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for a total of \$5,403.50 for design on the Lucore Road elevated water tower project.

Moved by McIntosh, seconded by Kling, to approve above referenced item. Steigerwaldt

told the board the project calendar will be ready for the January board meeting. A new engineering estimate was shared by the consultant. The new project cost is \$5 million. Hopefully this cost can come down if the completion deadline is extended out.

Approved unanimously

Motion approving payment to Rex Concrete Inc. for drive approach to new storage building at 101 8th Avenue for \$44,785.93.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Bender, to approve above reference item. Steigerwaldt stated the contractor graded and placed the concrete for the new storage building. He also added a small retaining wall on the east side. The board can view the new concrete at next week's Christmas dinner. McIntosh stated he has already seen the new concrete approach.

Approved unanimously

Motion approving payment to Nelson Electric Co. for new VFD equipment at Site #7 for the Jordan well modification for \$40,871.17.

Moved by Chew, seconded by Olson, to approve the above referenced item. Steigerwaldt stated the new VFD drive has arrived but it is not installed yet. This will replace the existing soft start motor that operates the Jordan well at 450 Echo Hill Road. This project will allow us to mix the Jordan and Silurian wells at this location. Nelson Electric is scheduled to do the installation in February.

Approved unanimously

Motion to elect new chairman for 2025.

Moved by Kling, seconded by Olson, to approve next year's chairman for 2025. Terry Chew volunteered to continue to serve as the board chairman for 2025. He stated he had no big travel plans to speak of and would be able to attend all the meetings in person.

Approved unanimously

Discussion regarding Field Operations Reports.

Smith reviewed the operations reports with the board. He stated Huhndorf and staff led the charge on removing fill from the 100 year floodplain at the Hanna Park dump site. Water, Parks, and Public Work staff all used this facility over the years and it was determined that the fill placed by all departments needed to be mitigated. All departments will share in the removal cost. The Tama Street and Ohnward Bank water main relay projects are almost completed.

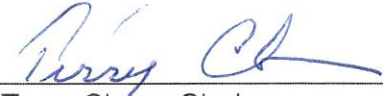
Secretary Report

There were 15 building permits over \$50,000 submitted for November. Steigerwaldt shared the MEDCO thank you letter for the department's financial five year pledge. He updated the board on the new credit card software status and the meeting that Chew and he had with the Mayor regarding the future landscaping needs around the new storage facility at the shop.

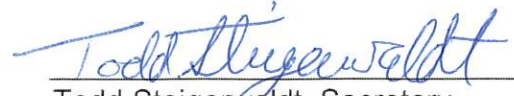
ADJOURN at 5:25 pm.

The next Marion Water Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14th 2025 at 4:00 pm at 3050 5th Avenue, Marion and on ZOOM.

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Terry Chew, Chairman



Todd Steigenwaldt, Secretary