

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Chairperson Kapellen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Debbie Olson (arrived at 5:34) Candy Davis, Jim Kapellen, Rick Petersen, Janelle Frey, Lawanna Schieldt and Denise Langan.

Others Present: Utility Director Randy Oren, City Administrator Ramona Flanigan and Luke Gersich.

Flanigan confirmed the meeting agenda was properly posted on Friday, September 6, 2019 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, City Hall and the website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Davis/Schildt motion to approve the August 12, 2019 Utility Commission meeting minutes as amended passed, all voted in favor.

APPROVE VOUCHERS PAYABLE: A Kapellen/Frey motion to approve payment of the bills list in the amount of \$98,858.82 passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

LEAK CREDIT FOR 514 N MAIN ST: Luke Gersich, the renter at 514 N Main St, stated the leak was because the meter froze causing the bottom of the meter to break. He stated the building is currently being used for storage only. The heat was on but was not able to keep up with the cold weather. Mr. Gersich stated he has installed a vent from the furnace to the room where the meter is.

Kapellen/Davis moved to approve a \$100 sewer credit for 514 N Main St. No action was taken.

Petersen/Frey moved to amend the motion above to a \$200 sewer credit. Motion passed on a 5/2 roll call vote. Olson and Davis voted against the motion.

2020 WATER AND SEWER FORECAST: Flanigan presented the 5-year capital improvements and capital equipment plans for the water and sewer utility. Flanigan reported according to the PSC the water utility is eligible for a 3% rate increase. The forecast presented to the Commission shows the annual cash available for the 5-year forecast with and without a rate increase.

2020 WATER AND SEWER RATES: The Commission reviewed the 5-year forecast. Flanigan discussed the upcoming grants the sewer utility has been awarded for S Main Street. Flanigan presented two options to the commission showing the cash available with and without a rate increase in 2020 for both utilities. Because reduced cash in the later years of the forecast of the water utility is due to an unusually large capital project (S Main), a borrowing would be the preferred alternative to a rate increase. Staff recommended no rate increase in 2020 for the water utility and that the utility evaluate a borrowing for the S Main St project in 2020 and 2021.

Since the sewer utility can cash flow without inflationary rate increases over the next few years, staff recommends the sewer utility have no rate increase in 2020 and that the Commission evaluates future borrowing and rates as we get closer to the larger capital projects planned for 2022 and 2024.

A Peterson/Langan motion to approve a 0% increase for 2020 sewer and water rates passed on a 7/0 roll call vote.

Being no other business before the Commission, a Schieldt/Langan motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Randy Oren/wjl
Utility Director