

WATER BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 13th, 2006
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Manus, Bob Cochran, Robin Meyer, Chuck Storie and Frank Massey.

Pledge to Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were approved.

Rick Denney Water Superintendent told the Board that he is waiting for quotes to come in for the underdrains on filter bed #8.

Rick had a letter with a quote of \$22,900 from Hydrogeologist Jim Carr on a study for ground water.

Darren Burkhardt of HNTB told the Board that some things have already been done that Jim Carr has proposed. He recommends waiting to do this for a month. Yes, the City needs to find ground water but surface water is needed also. A new surface water plant is going to need to be built and HNTB will have more information in about a month.

Quotes for the heater for plant #2 were: Stacy's 75,000 BTU - \$1587.80
George Foster 100,000 BTU - \$1450.00

Motion by Chuck Storie and seconded by Bob Cochran to approve the low quote of George Foster for \$1450. So passed.

Rick Denney brought the Land Application Permit. It is good for four-years. The cost is \$2500 and renewals with IDEM. It will expire at the end of May and has to have it in 180 days before expiration. Rick told the Board that he has not been using the permit and doesn't feel it is needed.

Darren Burkhardt stated that two sites will be picked for a new Water Plant. If the site picked is in the area of sewer lines then this Permit would not be needed. Darren told the Board and Rick that he feels 80% chance the Permit will not be needed. Rick could probably get an extension if he needed, but Darren told he will look into this and a decision will be made by the end of November.

Motion by Robin Meyer and seconded by Frank Massey to table for now. So passed.

Darren Burkhardt informed the Board of the pre-bid meeting Wednesday at 10:00 on the Elevator Tank. This has been advertised. Bids will be received December 1st at 3:00 P.M. and awarded at the regular Water Board Meeting December 11th.

The Public Meeting for opening of bids for December 1st at 3:00 P.M. at City Hall for the Elevated Water Tank is to be advertised.

The Water Line bid will be January 1st, 2007 with bids received February 7th and contractor proposed to start in March.

The Water planning PER report will be finished by end of this week.

A proposed hearing for Water Board and Board of Works for December 11th, Darren will get back on this for sure.

Resource water is moving along. Then they will need to go to Phase I, PER, Design and then Construction Dates.

A memorandum of Understanding was signed by the City, County and the State.

Donna Lecher gave a Resolution for the Board to have as information. The Resolution will go before Council to be passed to move approximately \$347,000 from the Utility Construction Account to the Water Utility Capital Improvement Account.

Ron Baylog and other representatives for the Prairie Material Sales were present about the need for water for their concrete company so they can put a bid in tomorrow at 2:00 to be able to supply concrete to the Honda plant. They had been told by Rural Water that they had the water and now are being told to go to the City.

City Attorney Steve Taylor explained that the City has no water lines in this area until 2007, Rural Water has the lines. The Mayor signed a letter that the City will do anything possible with Rural Water on a temporary base for the water and Rural Water has denied a temporary basis agreement.

Darren stated that there was a temporary location for a plant on the Honda site and the City had already made the water commitment to the temporary location on the Honda plant site.

It was explained that Rural Water has a maximum capacity of 35,000 gallons of water per day in zone five and they are already at 31,000 gallons.

Originally it was explained that Prairie Materials would need an extra 30,000 then it went to 90,000 and now they are being told 150,000 gallons a day.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen told that it is stated on the Plat Review if Rural Water Committed to this then Rural Water has to provide, the City does not have jurisdiction.

Gary Herbert told that the City Council never ever knew there was a problem.

Larry Bower stated that Rural Water took the lead on water supply at the Plat Review meeting. This was done by the Rural Water Engineer without the City involvement.

Darren Burkhardt advised that Rural Water is almost at their peak in zone five.

The Mayor previously requested the City Attorney send a letter to Rural Water amending the contract for a temporary supply of water, similar to the amendment for Rural Water with Honda. Rural Water denied the changes requested in the letter. The only way Rural Water would commit to an amendment to the original water supply contract would be if this amendment was permanent and not temporary.

Motion by Bob Cochran and seconded by Frank Massey to recommend on behalf of the Water Board that the City Attorney contact Rural Water and prepare a letter to supply temporary service and then determine in negotiations at a later time of whether Rural Water or the City would have Prairie Material Sales as a customer on a permanent basis. So passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer