

March 19, 2013

The regular meeting of the Yorkville Sewer Utility was called to order by President Peter L. Hansen at 7:00 PM, March 19, 2013 in the Yorkville Board Room, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove. Present were President Hansen, Commissioners Gruhn, McMahon, Johnson, and Robers, Utilities Manager Hanson, Engineer Madsen and the Clerk-Treasurer.

Minutes of the February 18th meeting were approved as printed on a motion from Commissioner McMahon, second by Commissioner Robers and motion carried.

The financial report was approved as presented on a motion from Commissioner Robers, second by Commissioner Johnson and motion carried.

Invoices in the amount of \$18,481.46 were approved for payment by a motion from Commissioner McMahon, second by Commissioner Gruhn and motion carried.


Utilities Manager Hanson has provided a copy of a recent notice that the proposed Yorkville WPDES permit had been updated along with the Fact Sheet. The permit will be reissued as soon as the USEPA completes its review of and approves the Yorkville's chloride variance request according to Timothy A. Thompson, Wastewater Engineer. Hanson reported he has provided the DNR with data on our phosphorus levels which he had been sampling for the past ten years. The new discharge will now go to .075 for phosphorus giving us about eight years to get construction started and getting into compliance within the ten year limit. Hanson also talked of zinc limits going to hit us real hard and we have got to find the source of the zinc entering our system. Hanson seems to have an idea of three possible companies which may be contributing large amounts of zinc into the system. Hanson has been talking with Engineer Madsen relative to the new permit and its chloride limit, water softeners and high chloride levels causing possible problems with our discharge. Hanson noted the compliance issue will force us to get answers relative to the water softener discharges at both homes and businesses in the district. We need to sample and tune up each unit to minimize salt usage. Hanson would like to send letters to all users with an offer to pay for repair and tune up on units as an option. The idea was received well by commissioners with the need being brought up to talk with Attorney Pruitt to set up new ordinances allowing such activity with both residential and business users. Hanson also reported he needs to test each and every business and sample them for zinc discharge along with high chloride discharge levels. Hanson told of us owning a portable sampler and once the sampler is updated for current usage, we could do samples for all levels. Hanson noted that Engineer Madsen has two sons that would be able to do sampling to obtain levels he needs to be aware of. The cost would be in the amount of \$12,000 to \$15,000 but it would provide loadings for each building.

Commissioner McMahon moved that we move along with the above program proposed for sampling of all businesses and working with Nielsen, Madsen & Barber to get the project done under the \$15,000 level. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which then passed. President Hansen then moved that we approve Nielsen, Madsen & Barber to use the Yorkville Sewer Utility truck for the sampling work. Commissioner Johnson seconded this motion which carried.

The Grandview Inn leak in their sewer lateral has been noticed to the owner, Mike Lakic, and due to current frost conditions we have ordered him to make the repair/replacement work which must be completed by May 1, 2013. If the leak is not repaired we will order it done and the cost will be assessed to the owner's real estate billing.

Engineer Madsen has been working on two possible letters to go out to both residential customers along with one going to business owners showing the increase of their monthly sewer service charge which has not been raised since the formation of the Utility in 1981, Commissioner McMahon moved to accept the letter formats as presented tonight to notify customers of the rate increase. Commissioner Gruhn seconded the motion which then carried.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Commissioner McMahon moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Gruhn and motion carried. President Hansen then adjourned the meeting at 7:35PM.


Judy Ajmone, Clerk-Treasurer