

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KIMBERLY WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 11:12 AM. Commissioners Johnson and Stienen appeared in-person. Commissioners Hanson was absent and excused. Attending the meeting in-person were Fiscal Manager Rein, Water Superintendent Verstegen and Director of Operations Dannhoff.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stienen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Stienen moved, Johnson seconded the motion to approve the bills and claims for the month of August. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stienen seconded the motion to approve the financial statements for the month of August as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commissioners discussed the draft 2021 Kimberly Water Utility Operating Budget. Superintendent Verstegen briefed the Commissioners on the preliminary budget. Pumpage usage is up on the residential side and down on the commercial side because of COVID-19. On the wholesale side, Darboy is drawing more water from the Village because they lost a couple of wells. Water financing for next year should be flat. The utility is seeing a slight decrease in power consumption because of efficiencies in equipment. More money is being budgeted for maintenance of the wells. Chemicals are down because of the salt-saving resin installed at Well No. 1. Next year there will be increased costs in the processing of backwash because the Village will be sending backwash to the Heart of the Valley as a consequence of the change in DNR testing requirements.

Superintendent Verstegen reported that a bad meter at Well No. 1 has been replaced. A water break was repaired at Willow & Third. Hydrant flushing will be conducted between September 14-17 and September 21-24, 2020. Superintendent Verstegen explained that the Heart of the Valley will be handling the utility's backwash, because the DNR is increasing the number of test samples it requires from 16 to 248 samples per year. It will no longer be cost effective for the utility to purchase two discharge permits, especially since the Village's discharge is essentially potable water. The utility recently purchased a new truck after trade-in as budgeted. Meter changes for commercial and industrial users will resume at the end of the year. Residents will have the option of waiting to have their meter changed if they are uncomfortable having water operators on their property.

There was no Unfinished Business.

There was no New Business.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stienen seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous vote and the Commission adjourned at 11:30 am.

Barbara Rein
Acting Secretary