

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Water Department's Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:15 PM, on March 12, 2019, in the executive conference room of City Hall, Marion, Iowa. Trustees Mary Ann McComas and John McIntosh were present. John Bender participated in the meeting by phone. William Kling and Greg Hapgood were absent. McIntosh agreed to be the Chairman for the meeting and called it to order. Other people attending the meeting included Todd Steigerwaldt, Board Secretary, Andy Smith, Operations Supervisor, and Curt Huhndorf, Distribution Foreman.

Motion by McComas, seconded by Bender to approve the minutes of the February monthly board meeting held at 5:15 PM on February 12th, 2019 and the February disbursements and fund balance reports. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by Bender, seconded by McComas approving Resolution 19-05, approving and adopting detailed plans, specifications, notice of hearing and letting, notice to bidders, form of contract and estimate of cost regarding the 2019 10th Avenue & 22nd Street Water Main Relay Project. Bender asked about the cost estimate for the project. Steigerwaldt stated approximately \$385,000.00. Bender asked about the completion date. Steigerwaldt stated it was at the end of October to accommodate the fall seeding period. He also mentioned that eleven contractors had pulled plans. McIntosh asked to be reminded of the bid letting date which is March 28th at 2PM. He was interested in attending the bid opening. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by Bender approving Resolution 19-06 accepting public water main improvements in the Hunters Ridge North 1st Addition to the City of Marion. Bender asked if the water main was looped into Lucore Road. Steigerwaldt stated it was looped into the 12" water main. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by Bender approving water main application for Prairie Ridge Estates 8th Addition to the City of Marion. Bender asked about the location of this subdivision. Steigerwaldt stated it was east of Highway 13 and north of East Kacena Avenue. The land was once owned by Curtis Cope. Chad Pelley is the developer now. There are 32 residential lots planned for this addition. Steigerwaldt mentioned that this addition and the following Rookwood Additions will be in the new pressure zone area and will pay a connection fee at time of purchasing a water meter. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by McComas approving water main application for the Rookwood Estates 1st and 2nd Additions to the City of Marion. Steigerwaldt stated these two future additions are east of the Prairie Ridge Estates 8th Addition mentioned above. He mentioned there are some single-family homes planned here as well as duplex units and 4-plex units. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by McIntosh approving water main application for the Hunters Field 11th Addition to the City of Marion. Steigerwaldt stated this is the final addition for this subdivision and it was located west of Winslow Road and north of Connection Boulevard. Steigerwaldt mentioned this would complete the water main loop to Winslow Road. Bender asked if this was located behind the property along Winslow Road that had a bunch of outside storage of vehicles and appliances. Steigerwaldt stated the new addition was adjacent to that place. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Steigerwaldt shared three potential rate structure proposals with the board. They briefly discussed each option but decided to wait for the other two board members to vote on a final water rate increase. The group also discussed at length the latest Alliant Energy rate proposal, which may increase customer's monthly bill by 25% if allowed by the Iowa Utilities Board.

Smith updated the board on the field activities: Service Department: remote read meters installed on 23 accounts; 3,851 meter reads; 176 straight meters to radio; 134 tag orders; 78 service calls; and 111 utility locations were located.

Smith stated there were nine water main breaks last month. Staff began removing the old iron pressure filter units at site #3 as they are no longer viable. Northway Well and Pump also pulled the #4 well pump and will begin acidizing in the next couple of weeks.

February gallons pumped: 70,035,000

Secretary Report –

Steigerwaldt informed the board there were only three building permits issued in February over a \$50,000 valuation. Two single-family homes and one commercial remodel permit was issued.

Steigerwaldt stated that Martin Gardner Architect had complied the City Hall staff needs data and was now having interviews with department heads. Steigerwaldt thought the report should be completed by the end of April.

The next regular monthly board meeting was set for 5:15 PM on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.



Todd Steigerwaldt
Secretary



William A. Kling
Chairman