

MUB MEETING

October 28, 2014

7:30 AM

Meeting called to order by Ken Sabers, MUB member. Members present were Mark Carstensen, MUB Member; Rick Bush, Public Works Director; Daniel Ainslie, City Manager; Greg Barnier, City Attorney; Fay Bueno, Finance Officer and Dale Olson, Water Superintendent. Absent was Dan Mayer, MUB President. Mark Carstensen made a motion to approve today's agenda, Ken Sabers seconded. Approved. Ken Sabers made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting, Mark Carstensen seconded. Approved. Mark Carstensen made a motion to approve the claims, Ken Sabers seconded. Approved.

Water Superintendent Dale Olson reported that he had spent most of yesterday at Mt. View Estates with Rural Water and Kelly Vasknetz, the contractor hired by the property owner, searching for underground leaks. They wheeled out the pipe route and determined a leak on a 3" pipe which is the trailer park main. Another leak was redetected near a trailer home where an elbow might join. The leaks previously fixed do not appear to be decreasing use. Superintendent Olson will talk to the property owner about checking on running toilets and leaking faucets to decrease usage. Other updates include that the majority of Palisades Development service lines are installed. Rick Bush stated that the sewer lines were complete.

Old business concerning putting the City utilities bill in the landowners vs. renters has been postponed until a later meeting. The City Attorney presented the second reading of regulation changed on 2.7, 3.13-3.15, 4.04 and 4.06-4.07. Mark Carstensen made a motion to approve the second reading, Ken Sabers seconded. Approved.

In new business, Fay Bueno reported that the billing department will start accepting credit and debit card payments. The bank and credit card companies reduced the fees so the department will try this for a few months in hopes of offering better service and reducing the amount of delinquent accounts and shut offs. Also, the Finance Office is researching the possibility of hiring an outside company to do the bulk mailing of bills and attaining a cost estimate. Roughly it is estimated to save twenty cents per postcard billing plus staff time. When the estimates are received, the local post office will be given a chance to match the bid.

In other new business, Rick Bush reported the water and sewer should be connected at the new Kiwanis building within the next two weeks. The Main Street development presentation went well with feedback from the Main Street businesses favoring the bump outs to be permanent, which is cheaper and fits the ADA regulations easier. The bidding for repairs on Fulton & Sherman, Spruce & Pine Streets will be separate bids in the spring of 2015 due to the fact that two different engineering companies did the plans. Also, the Davenport project is complete as well as the storm drainage project on Middle Street.

Mark Carstensen made a motion to adjourn, Ken Sabers seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned by Ken Sabers. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 25th at 7:30 am in the front conference room.

Dan Mayer, President

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