

MUB MEETING MINUTES

July 28th, 2020

Attendees included: Ken Sabers, MUB President; Shawn Mechling, MUB member; Ron Waterland, MUB member; Rick Bush, Public Works Director; Daniel Ainslie, City Manager; Greg Barnier, City Attorney; Todd Youngberg, Water Superintendent.

1. Meeting called to order by Ken Sabers at 7:34am.
2. a.) Waterland made a motion to approve the July agenda, second by Mechling. All approved.
b.) Waterland made a motion to approve the June minutes, second by Mechling. All approved.
3. Mechling made a motion to approve the claims, second by Waterland. All approved.
4. Todd Youngberg- Bush introduced new water superintendent, Todd Youngberg. Youngberg discussed previous work experience and certifications.
5. City Finance Office Report- none
6. Customer Concerns- none
7. Water Superintendent Report- Bush presented assessment report of north tank from SUEZ. Tank looks good. Meter reading is going well with new hand held. Operators are currently working on GPS for GIS which will allow for better reporting. Bush discussed new operator hire, Brant Ager. He predicts a solid water department. He discussed the possible lack of large projects due to future repairs.
8. Public Works Director Report- Hydrant flushing will begin after rally stated by Bush. There were 9-10 shut offs from delinquent accounts. Ainslie discussed grants for the Alliance of Churched that allowed assistance to residents in need.
9. Public Hearings – none
10. Old Business –
11. New Business – 2021 preliminary budget- Bush discussed 22 new customers. He is not anticipating water rate increase however a 3% wastewater due to new operations. Bush also stated sanitation needs larger increasing as current increase is not equivalent to the 5% Belle annual increase. Waterland questioned the increase to storm water. Bush stated this is due to the SCADA software.
a) Paul from SEDC came to thank the boards support. The discussions for a senior living facility is moving along and hopes for future in Sturgis.
12. Other matters that may come before the MUB Board – none
13. Executive Session- none.

Mechling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 am, Waterland seconded and all approved.
The next meeting will be held on August 25th at 7:30 am in the conference room at the Public Works Campus.

Shawn Mechling, MUB board member

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