

Regular meeting of the Waterloo Water & Light Commission held March 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Bergan at 7:00pm at the Waterloo Utilities office. Present were Commissioners Vern Butzine, Devin Schumann, Tim Thomas, Chuck Wallace, Superintendent Barry Sorenson, Office Manager Joy Bisco, Lineman Evan Pratt, Mo Hansen City Clerk-Treasurer, and Ben Heidemann and Evan Chambers from Town & Country Engineering.

Minutes

It was moved by Schumann, seconded by Butzine, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Expenditures

It was moved by Thomas, seconded by Schumann, to approve the payment of the February bills as presented. Motion carried.

Citizen Input

None.

WWTP Facility Upgrade

Ben from Town & Country Engineering reviewed the alternatives and answered questions. Discussions have started with Rural Development and the plan is to submit the application mid May.

It was moved by Bergan, seconded by Wallace, to approve proceeding with Alternative 3 for the WWTP Plant Upgrade, which includes Bio P. Motion carried.

It was moved by Thomas, seconded by Schumann, to approve the full scope of Alternative 3 for the WWTP Plant Upgrade. Motion carried.

Sewer Rates

The Commission reviewed potential options for a sewer rate increase to cover the loss of Briess. It was moved by Thomas, seconded by Butzine, to approve moving to equivalent water meter charges including a 10% increase and a 20% increase on the volume charge (option 4). Motion carried.

Utility Staffing

It was moved by Butzine, seconded by Schumann, to approve the hiring of a lineman. Motion carried.

General Info

Sorenson advised the Commission of a boring crew hitting one of the new 24.9 lines on Hwy O. The Commission was provided a cost updated on the Hwy O substation.

It was moved by Butzine, seconded by Wallace, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Thomas
Secretary