

**CITY OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Public Utilities Committee of the City of Grafton was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Grafton, North Dakota immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Ways and Means Committee meeting, Monday, January 6, 2020

Chairperson Chris West presided. Members present: Phil Ray, Brian Sieben, Mary Stark, and Greg Young. Others present: Chris Lipsh, Dave Fellman, Don Hutson, Shane Mohn, Nick Ziegelmann, Tony Dumas, and Kevin Sevigny.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved by Mr. Sieben, seconded by Mr. Ray and carried to accept and order filed the Balance Sheets, Income and Expense Statements, and subsidiary reports for all Enterprise Funds for the month ending November, 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Department Superintendent Sevigny reported the weather has been pretty good so the Water Department has not had to deal with any major breaks. They are working on some winter projects around the plant. They are also reviewing applications for the vacant Operator position and they hope to be interviewing next week.

Superintendent Sevigny reminded property owners to keep their fire hydrants free of snow. He also suggested homeowners notify commercial snow removers where their curbstop is so that it does not get broken off by the removal equipment.

Administrator Ziegelmann reported the City received a request for proposal to supply Drayton with water. The Mayor, Mr. Sevigny and he are working on a proposal, which is due the beginning of February.

Police Chief Dumas reported they have been assisting the Street Department with snow removal by removing vehicles from the street. He is working on the Police Department year-end report and statistics look similar to last year.

Chief Dumas explained there have been about 5 dog complaints in the last 4 months about a dog either biting someone or attacking another dog. The only resolution the current ordinance allows for is to destroy the animal. The City Prosecutor would like to amend the ordinance to allow more leeway for the Court in the penalty section of the ordinance. He is proposing a dog be given one chance before it would be ordered to be destroyed. A draft ordinance will be presented at the City Council meeting.

Power Superintendent Russ Geddes was not present. Chairperson West reported the power blinks two weeks ago Friday were a Minnkota substation issue.

The Street/Wastewater Department Superintendent Rock Desautel reported the power outage at the south substation damaged all the coils on each motor at the lagoon. He has ordered new coils and they hope to have the motors operational by Wednesday.

Following the snow storm the Street Department has been picking up snow piles in cul de sacs and parking lots, pushing up windrows and sanding streets. They widened McHugh and next they will do Cooper and Eastern. They have gone back to some streets with a payloader and cleaned where cars have been moved since they removed snow last.

Administrator Ziegelmann reported the North Dakota Department of Transportation will no longer be conducting inspections of bridges every 2 years. They are considering contracting with a local contractor to do the inspections and the City would be responsible for the local cost share. They estimate the local share to be about \$2,000 every 2 years.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Sieben and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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Chris West, Chairperson

Connie A. Johnson, City Auditor