



City of MONDOVI

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Utility Committee

Friday, February 7, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

City Administrator Michelle Loken called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Committee Member present: Greg Bauer. Both Mayor Brady Weiss and Committee Member Gary Stanton appeared by phone. Also in attendance was Director of Public Works Corey Dregney.

DISCUSSION OF WWTP

Dregney stated that progress is being made at the WWTP Phosphorus Compliance Alternative of modifying the ABNR system. The programming is in progress and by the end of February, Kovalus will be onsite to work on start-up of the new process.

PURCHASE OF WATER METERS

Dregney has been in the process of changing water meters that are 20 years or older. We purchase meters from Ferguson Waterworks and a meter is \$377.40. Dregney can get a pallet of 144 meters at a discounted price of \$310.00 a meter. A motion by Stanton and seconded by G. Bauer to approve the purchase of a pallet of meters for replacement of old meters. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF NEPTUNE BELT CLIP READER

Currently, the meter reader is not working and the software is not supported by Neptune any longer. The past two billing cycles, the water department has had to use a loaner handheld to read meters. Loken did budget funds for a reader to be purchased in 2025. A motion by G. Bauer and seconded by Stanton to purchase a Neptune 3660 AMR Belt Clip Reader for \$7,000.00, along with the annual support of \$2,362.50. A second reader will be added to the 2026 Budget. Motion carried.

POSSIBLE WATER RATE INCREASE

Loken stated that in March 2024, there was a water rate increase of 8%, which the PSC qualifies as a Simplified Rate Increase. In looking at the history of increases, the last water increase was in 2019. Loken stated that it is beneficial to do smaller steps more frequently, than bigger jumps for the residents. A motion by G. Bauer and seconded by Stanton to approve a 3% water rate increase for the first billing cycle of 2026. Motion carried.

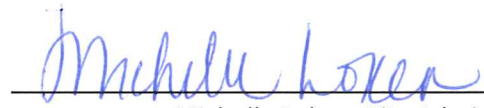
OTHER UTILITY COMMITTEE MATTERS

Dregney mentioned that the residence of Jesse Olson on W. Riverside, is still connected and discharging to the old WWTP due to not being able to get a plumber to his residence to complete the service line before the winter weather. The old plant will need to be pumped after his line is complete in the spring. Dregney was doing the Public Water Supply System Application and wanted to mention that Well #4 is currently the only well in operation. He has noticed that the pump is losing some efficiency and he is waiting on a quote to have repairs done. Mayor Weiss inquired if there were any ARPA funds allocated to the wells. Loken will look into this. In past years, Cross-Connection inspections have been done by an outside vendor. There were no residential inspections this past year, Dregney would like to check into seeing what it take to do inspections and they can be

completed while changing meters. This past fall, Dregney stated that there was sewer line on N. Washington that was being fixed, they noticed asbestos pipes. This is something to keep in mind for when projects need to be done. Mayor Weiss would like to follow up with another Utility Committee Meeting sometime late summer.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:20 a.m. motion by Stanton and seconded by G. Bauer to adjourn. Motion carried.



Michelle Loken, City Administrator

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