

CITY OF PITTSVILLE
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, January 8, 2025
Community Hall – 5291 Third Avenue

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman, Jerry Jensen.

Members Present: Mark Darr, Dennis Todd, Deana Becker, Pat Schmidt

Also Present: Peter Petersen, Director of Public Works; Tim Cullen, resident; Christina Vyskocil, resident; Casey Krohn, Council member; Brian Kissner, Council member; Mike Hobbs, Council member; Tom Watson, Trevor Gardner, resident

No Conflicts of Interest were identified.

Motion by Deana B. to approve the minutes from December 11, 2024. Second by Dennis T. Motion carried.

Personal appearance by Tim Cullen. Tim addressed the commission about a rumor that he had heard about the water and sewer rates being “jacked up again”. Jerry J. told Tim that the Commission has no control over that, the rates are set by the PSC of Wisconsin. Tim questioned why the rates need to be increased. Mark D. stated that the city has been audited and told that the rates are way below where they should be and need to be raised. Tim asked what percent it would be going up, Jerry J. told him that he believed the percentage would be right around 67%. Tim asked where the money from the water bills go, Mark D. explained that there are chemicals needed to treat the water, well cleaning and tower cleaning that needs to be done, maintenance and upkeep, upgrades and more. Tim said that Peter had dropped some tablets off previously and that he did not find anything to indicate that he in fact does have a leak, he asked if this raise is just going to be on the water part and not the sewer part too, Mark told him that the PSC is the one who does the increase for the water and that there needs to be a sewer increase as well so the rate increases will be done all together at once.

Jerry J. discussed the Bernard Tritz sump-pump violation, it has been turned over to the city attorney. Motion made by Mark D. not to send certified letters anymore. Second by Dennis T. Motion carried. Letters will still be sent to Bernards home and his sister Nancys weekly. Jerry spoke about the email from the attorney, the attorney said that the city doesn't have the option to add the fines on to Bernards taxes, it will have to be collected through a judgement. Follow up will be put on next month's agenda.

Jerry J. discussed the water rate case update, The PSC decided on a 67.2% increase. Shannon asked the Commission when they wanted the water and sewer increase to go in to effect and when they would like a letter to be sent out to the residents. This needs to be acted on within 90 days from the PSC's decision. Motion by Jerry to increase the water rate from \$6.13/1000 gallons to \$9.05/1000 gallons and the sewer rate will increase from \$11.03/1000 gallons to \$12.00/1000 gallons. Second by Dennis T. Motion carried. Motion by Mark D. to send a letter to all residents on Feb 1st, 2025 in regards to the water and sewer rate increase. Second by Deana B. Motion carried.

Friske/Ewer adjustment was discussed. They had a hot water heater leak; a plumber came in and fixed it. Motion by Pat S. to approve the adjustment of \$56.60 for Friske/Ewer. Second by Mark. D. Motion carried.