

CITY OF PITTSVILLE
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, February 12, 2025
Community Hall – 5291 Third Avenue

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

Members Present: Deana Becker, Dennis Todd, Mark Darr

Also Present: Dale Nichols, Mayor; Tim Cullen, resident; Christina Vyskocil, resident; Mike Hobbs, Council Member; Casey Krohn, Council Member; Peter Petersen, Director of Public Works; Bob Schooley, Council Member; Renee, Clerk (arrived later)

Absent: Pat Schmidt

No Conflicts of Interest were identified.

Motion by Dennis T. to approve the minutes from January 8, 2025. Second by Deana B. Motion carried.

Craig Wolf from HydroCorp was unable to make an appearance due to being ill. We will put this matter on next month's meeting.

Discussion of HydroCorp Cross Connection Renewal will also be moved to next month's meeting when Craig Wolf is able to make the meeting.

Update on Parcel #3100193C, this has been turned over to the city's attorney. Dale N. had a conversation with the city attorney today. The attorney doesn't think the case should take too long. If any motions are made by the defendant, the courts would rule on them within 45 days. Dale is thinking within a couple months there should be a judgement made. Letters and invoices are still being sent out weekly to the homeowner.

Jerry J. spoke about the letter that was sent out to the residents 01/31/2025 in regards to the water/sewer rate case. Dale N. discussed that it is important for our residents to understand that the city hires an independent audit company to come in every year and do an audit for the city. Auditors catch things that can easily be overlooked. Audits essentially talk about the financial health of our city. The way we run the street dept, the water & sewer dept, it talks about the health of those dept as far as if we are meeting our expenses. For 3 years in a row the auditor said that we are losing money in the water and sewer dept. This is the reason for the latest water and sewer rate increase.

(Renee arrived)

The option for emailing water/sewer bills in the future was discussed by Shannon. Renee reached out to Workhorse; this is an option that we can offer. Mark D. suggested putting a survey out on our water/sewer Facebook page. Dennis T. would like the option of card payments to be offered as well. Peter P. is going to put a survey on the water/sewer Facebook page to see if both of these options are something that the community is interested in. This will be moved to next months agenda.

Peter discussed the Main St. sewer issue. The Becker residence at the corner of Main St. and 4th Ave. started having some back up issues. The sewer main there does not have very good pitch. Peter feels that eventually something needs to be done to fix that. Crocket septic brought a camera out and went through Beckers house and they watched a piece of toilet paper spin for 10 minutes due to the pitch. Peter is going to get some estimates on what the cost would be to replace it.

Peter discussed the operational report. Water temp is around 43 degrees. Frost dropped back around 40", it was up to 45" during the cold snap, there were a few residents that were trickling. If frost gets below 30" Peter will have those people quit trickling. The Community Center and Municipal building are trickling right now. The city will no longer be helping residents with thawing frozen pipes if the issue is after the meter. Nitrate testing is complete and looks good. Ammonia level is set. \$100/ year membership with M.E.G. (Municipal Environmental Group) has been established. There have been some issues at the main lift station, the motor saver keeps tripping. A part from LW Allen was replaced but the same issues have been happening, so a tech will have to come out and trouble shoot to see what is causing this issue. Phosphorus is starting to spike. There are now some powder packets to start testing for the phosphorus daily, this can be compared to what the lab brings back and can be graphed so the RE2 can be adjusted faster. Hawkins was here on 2/12/25, they are going to get a price on bulk RE2. Both blowers have been running on warmer days to keep the pond open, they are turned off now. Peter and Josh will be attending an annual WRWA conference the end of March, Peter will be attending for 2 days and Josh will attend 1 day. Peter is going to create an inventory spreadsheet with cash value for the audit.

Future Agenda items will include: HydroCorp Cross Connection renewal, update on online survey in regards to emailing water/sewer billings and online payments.

Motion by Deana B. to approve water vouchers #11927-11949 and sewer vouchers #7856-7880.
Second by Mark D. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis T. to adjourn. Second by Deana B. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Shannon Millard,
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer