



**CITY OF RIVER FALLS WISCONSIN
UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 15, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the River Falls Utility Advisory Board was called to order by Board Chair Adam Myszewski at 6:30 p.m.

Utility Advisory Board Present: Adam Myszewski, Diane Odeen, Kevin Swanson, Patrick Richter, Mark Spafford, Tim Thum and Kellen Wells-Mangold

Staff Present: Utility Director Kevin Westhuis; Finance Director Sarah Karlsson; Engineering Technician Tamarra Jaworski and City Clerk Amy White

Council Present: Alderperson District 2 Christopher Gagne

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes: 03-18-2019

MSC Odeen/Richter approve minutes. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chair Myszewski opened the floor for comments. No comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Acknowledgement of the following minutes:

West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility Commission – 02-28-2019

POWERful Choices Committee Meeting – 03-14-2019

MSC Odeen/Swanson approve minutes. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2019-04 – Supporting Award for the Sanitary Lining Project

Engineering Technician Tamarra Jaworski gave the annual presentation on professional services support for the sanitary sewer lining project of the City. The lining project includes aerating a soft lining through the pipe with chemicals. It is considered a pipe rehabilitating solution that will fix any of the City's damaged clay pipe. The City evaluated the most needed repairs with televised scoping and assigned ratings. Jaworski explained the four and five rating pipes are looked at first and some are included in the 2019 proposal.

Utilities Director Kevin Westhuis indicated approximately 85-90 percent of the four and five rated pipes will be lined at the end of this project. Jaworski stated by adding a Vac truck allowed more efficiency.

Board Member Thum stated he thinks this is a great program and a good investment.

There was further discussion about the potential cost increases and pipe materials changing throughout the years.

MSC Odeen/Thum approve minutes. Unanimous.

REPORTS:

Advanced Disposal – State of Recycling

Advanced Disposal Municipal Marketing Manager Bob Pfister provided a presentation on the overview of the issues with recycling. China was the leading importer of recycled material. China changed their parameters establishing a limit on what they would accept creating higher labor-intensive processes on the company. China gave no warning. Companies could not prepare but had to react. Contaminates are become more prevalent in the bins which limits the amount of true recyclable materials.

Pfister covered the impact the decision has on local markets, provided further discussion on the future of recycle and options on how to respond to the demand and deficiencies.

Finance Report

Finance Director Sarah Karlsson explained year-to-date revenues, expenses and cash and investment reserves relating to the electric, water, sewer and storm water funds through March. Karlsson provided an update on the expiration of the moratorium and account statuses.

Utility Dashboards (Electric, Water, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Powerful Choices)

No questions or comments.

Monthly Utility Report

Utility Director Westhuis sought Board Member interest in the American Public Power Association National Conference. The City was offered a scholarship so would encourage attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

MSC Swanson/Thum to adjourn. Unanimous.

Myszewski announced meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Reported by: City Clerk Amy White



Amy White, City Clerk