

Minutes  
City Council  
Monday, November 27, 2023  
5:00 pm

The meeting was opened with the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Atkins called the meeting to order with Council members Amanda Guetter, Chad Altermatt, Roger Baumann and Jeff Olson present.

Also present were Public Works Director Jim Jenniges, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Brandon Baune, and Attorney Matt Novak

**Dan Mathiowetz Hearing Recap and Plans for Water Moving Forward** – Mr. Novak presented a recap of the hearing with Dan Mathiowetz regarding his brown water issues. He noted that the committee ruled that Dan must pay his bill, but that if his water doesn't significantly improve, then the City should return the water portion of his bill for a period of the 5 months he has been disputing it.

Mr. Novak also noted that there was a great deal of speculation from the hearing committee about the reasons for the brown water. Additionally, on November 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Jenniges water hammered Mr. Mathiowetz's personal line with his permission and found a lot of sediment and dark water before it finally came through clean. With the information we have, the following plan was discussed:

- Make sure going forward that everything is documented.
- Find out if there are any issues in the City's mains to verify theory that the issues now lie in peoples' personal lines
- Discuss remedy if issues with buildup in people's personal lines.
- Clear communication to residents
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**Sewer Project** – Mr. Baune noted that the updated application for the 1.85 MM was submitted. Communication seems positive on our chances at receiving these funds, but they are not guaranteed.

**Preliminary 2024 Budget** – Mr. Baune recapped budget materials and highlighted areas that needed attention, with the main one being the community center improvements. It was decided that if can only budget to have 3 sides completed by next year that the North side should be left out as it is seen less. It is believed that we are about 60,000 short, but some figures with labor are not yet determined. Once we have these, we will have a clear picture of the shortage, and can look at ways to come up with that money. Mr. Baune will provide another update at the next regular meeting in December.

Brandon Baune  
Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator