

**NOVEMBER 13, 2023 UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Chairperson Kapellen called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Paul Davis, Shawn Prebil, Jim Kapellen, Lawanna Schieldt, Denise Langan and Rick Petersen.

Absent: Todd Wescott.

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Municipal Services Director Howard Moser and citizens.

Flanigan confirmed the meeting agenda was properly posted on Friday, November 10, 2023 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, City Hall and the City's website.

MINUTES: A Denise Langan/Rick Peterson motion to approve the October 9, 2023 Utility Commission meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

VOUCHERS PAYABLE: A Jim Kapellen/Rick Petersen motion to approve vouchers payable in the amount of \$88,121.65 passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

LEAK CREDIT: A Jim Kapellen/Denise Langan motion to approve a leak credit at 223 Quigley St for sewer only in the amount of \$115 passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

BILLING CREDIT: A Jim Kapellen/Rick Petersen motion to approve a billing credit for 1208 Blaine St in the amount of \$8.25 passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

LEAD LATERAL PROJECT FUNDING: The Water Utility applied for grant and low interest loan funding from the DNR Safe Drinking Water Fund to replace the remaining lead laterals. The Utility received \$196,295 for private side lateral replacement to cover a maximum of 25% of eligible costs and \$203,688 for public side lateral replacement to a maximum of 15% of eligible costs. The Utility will also receive low interest loan funds for costs not covered by grant funds.

The Utility did not anticipate receiving any grant funds for the public side replacement, so the grant improves the Utility's financial position compared to the original forecast.

Regarding the private side replacement, the Water Utility applied for and received approval from the PSC to pay for up to 50% of the cost of the replacement of private side laterals using rate payer funds. The Utility has now received grant from the DNR to cover a maximum of 25% of the cost. Based on this information, there is a 25% funding gap which equates to approximately a \$206,388 shortfall. Staff presented a few funding options for recommendation to the Council if the Commission should choose to move forward with the project.

1. The City could borrow from the Safe Drinking Water Fund at 0.25%.
2. Use ARPA funds.

3. Use City savings.
4. Use capital surplus funds.
5. Special assess property owners for 25% of the cost of private lateral replacement.

A Paul Davis/Lawanna Schieldt motion to recommend the Council borrow for the funding shortfall and complete the project passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

Being no other business before the Commission, a Lawanna Schieldt/Denise Langan motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Howard Moser/mjd
Municipal Services Director