

## MINUTES

City of Norwich, Water Commission

December 16, 2020

**Present;** Comm. D. Wilson, Comm. G. Baas

**Also Present;** E. Pepe

**Absent;** Comm. J. Kelly, Chairman J. Drelich, Comm. T. Bresina

The meeting was held on zoom and opened by Comm. D. Wilson at 6:30 pm.

Minutes from September 16, 2020 and October 21, 2020 were discussed. Both Comm. D. Wilson and Comm. G. Baas approve of the minutes. Because there was not a quorum, Comm. D. Wilson suggested we could approve the minutes by consensus and see if we could get the other members to approve via email response.

**Visitors;** None

**Correspondence;** None

**Old Business;**

1. Sale of Water Dept. property at Pires garden shop – Both Pires and the City are interested in pursuing this transfer. Supt. Pepe said the next steps are for him to discuss with the City Assessor for appraisal and assessment and the City Attorney. The property needs to be surveyed and split into 2 parcels. Supt. Pepe also suggested the city require Pires to add the new parcel to their existing.
2. WWTP Nutrient removal Study – The City negotiated and entered into contract with GHD for study. EFC has accepted the engineering agreement contract.
3. Lead Service Line Replacement - DOH has approved all the bid documents. Supt. Pepe needs to make a few minor revisions to the work plan per their comments. Supt. Pepe stated he plans on bidding out very soon.
4. Water Meter replacements – Supt Pepe has been evaluating different technologies and narrowed choice to an AMI (radio read) type system using either ultrasonic or electromagnetic technology. Contractors are wrapping up their propagations studies. Radio antennas would likely be installed on Dunn and Wheeler Tanks. Supt. Pepe stated he is working on cost estimate using some budgetary numbers.

5. New Filter Plant SPDES Permit – The City completed a study on the source of aluminum in the backwash wastewater. The City discovered the aluminum was at low level coming to the plant in the raw water but is being concentrated on the outside of filters. The next steps are to look at how to improve removal/settling of aluminum in the lamella settlers.
  
6. Subway Water Main break – The City obtained quotes on CIPP and slip lining method to repair the leak, now they are working on quote for installing a smaller HDPE pipe inside the ductile iron pipe.
  
7. Commission members – We discussed the fact that after Commissioner Winans resigned we are down to 5 commissioners. The Commission is made up of 7 members. So we are two commissioners short of a full commission. Also, we need to vote on a new chairman/woman.

**New Business;** None

**Adjournment;** Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. Next meeting is January 20th, 2021.