

**WASTEWATER/WATER WORKING
COMMITTEE MEETING**

4/16/15

Members Present:

Joe Ryan (arrived 12:05)
Mike Vore
Dave Krutzfeldt (arrived 12:02)
Tom Jiminez
Doug Yates

Others Present:

Chad Coon
Mike Schrock
Andrew Jensen
Ken Allsup

Meeting was called to order at 12:00. Schrock suggested that Coon open the floor with questions. Vore started by asking how the proposed agreement would handle procedure for OMWD fixing City sewer plant or collection system. Schrock outlined procedure that would need to be followed. Yates discussed conversation that had occurred between himself and member Vore, at an earlier time, regarding the hiring of two positions within OMWD that would perform work on the City's sewer system. Yates noted that this group is trying very hard to provide transparent communication. Vore asked how billing between City and OMWD would be handled for the upcoming agreement. Schrock answered that there would be a budget determined and then monthly billing would occur from OMWD to City as OMWD staff performed services under the specified agreement. Vore also asked how capital improvement projects would be handled. Schrock answered that OMWD's General Manager would need to work closely with the City Engineer and staff to determine system needs, present those needs to the City Manager and the Wastewater/Water Working Committee and then on to the City Council for approval. Members Yates and Jiminez stated that everything would try to tie together for the betterment of water and sewer when looking at projects. Vore asked about collection system jetting and how that would be handled. Schrock stated that it was in the proposed agreement for that work to be done in a timely manner. Vore asked about the expired operating permit and if the City anticipated future requirements would necessitate a drastic rate increase. Schrock and Krutzfeldt gave a wide range of possible spending that may result from the new operating permit. Schrock went on to say that NPDES, I & I, and treatment issues will be what determines how the City moves forward with plans. Vore also asked if July 1 was the anticipated start date of the agreement as well as looking at increasing the size of the OMWD Board of Trustees. Schrock stated that yes, July 1 is the target date and that if the Board currently feels that it would be advantageous to increase in size from three members to five members it would be helpful if the Board would pass that along to the City in the manner of a resolution showing support. Yates asked if the draft agreement had been sent to the City's legal counsel. Schrock indicated that it had and that he had not yet received comments, but believed the comments would be forthcoming. Vore asked that when the City receives the agreement

back it be forwarded on to the Board to allow the Board to send it on to their legal counsel for review. Schrock affirmed and asked who would be reviewing for OMWD. Coon stated that Dickinson Law Firm would be reviewing for OMWD and that there was no animosity displayed towards the agreement by counsel, OMWD wanted to ensure that they were legally covered. The next meeting date was discussed. It was determined that the meeting would be held on Friday May 8th at 7:00 AM at City Hall. Vore asked about moving forward with the hiring of two employees. Jiminez, Yates, and Krutzfeldt all confirmed that they desired to move forward with the hiring. Krutzfeldt asked Coon if he had hiring and firing ability to which confirmed he did. The group of members then agreed that they would like to move forward with OMWD listing positions and moving towards hiring employees.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:40.

Chad Coon took notes and prepared these minutes.