

CITY OF ELKHORN
Municipal Services and Utilities Committee
First Floor Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

May 19, 2014

Municipal Services and Utilities Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Alderman Payson followed by Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Aldermen Gary Payson, Sr., Hoss Rehberg, Greg Huss
Also present: Mayor Brian Olson, Alderman Jim D'Alessandro, Administrator Sam Tapson, Utilities Operations Manager John Murphy, Public Works Operations Manager Martin Nuss, Fire Chief Rod Smith, City Engineer Gary Welsh, and Elkhorn Newspaper Correspondent Kellen Olshefski

WETLANDS MANAGEMENT- ELKHORN WEST SUBDIVISION

City Administrator Sam Tapson gave background regarding wetlands water pumping in the Elkhorn West subdivision. The City received a complaint from a property owner in the past regarding water in the larger wetland area in the subdivision and that the DNR recommended pumping the wetland; the pumping has continued when a citizen requests it and that pumping conditions/time have never been specified. City Engineer Gary Welsh further explained following past flooding, a terrace drain was extended out to keep water levels down and a third drainage pipe was installed should one of the others become plugged. He presented a 2005 aerial photo of the wetlands compared to a photo taken in 2010 and both photos demonstrated that the wetland has not increased in size as the water removal system in place has been functioning as designed. The maximum height of elevation for the water level is 1,041.8 ft. Public Works Manager Martin Nuss said that no pumping is needed at this time as the water level has not exceeded the maximum height. Motion (Payson/Huss) to pump wetland if water relief system is not functioning and water level is above 1,041.8 ft. Motion carried.

NE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Common Council, at their May 5th meeting, rejected all bids for the NE Water Treatment Plant. Baxter & Woodman has offered to update and redesign the plan at no cost to the City and revert back to the old contract costs. At this point, the City owes them for the work they have completed and the current task is design and bidding out. Item to be put on next meeting agenda for consideration of action.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
Deputy Clerk