

Committee Members:

- Grant Russel, at-large – Committee Chair
- Brian Bauman, Ward 5
- Dan DeArment, Ward 4
- Randy Greeno, at-large
- Joshua Palmer, Ward 7

Staff:

- Rob Martin, Safety Service Director
- Jeremy Kalb, City Engineer
- Jason Phillips, Water Treatment Superintendent
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Meeting Start Time: 5:30 p.m.**Meeting End Time:** 6:00 p.m.**Guests:**

- Holly Frische, Ward 1 Council Rep
- Jeff Wobser, At-large Council Rep

Agenda:

Call to Order

- Meeting was not live streamed

Roll Call

- Mr. DeArment was unavailable to attend.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of June 12, 2024, meeting minutes (Palmer / Greeno); approved 4-0

New Items

1. Emergency Water Plant Maintenance

City Engineer Kalb described the problem:

- A hole developed in the suction line of the high service pump #6 in the Water Treatment Plant on Sunday morning
- Attempts to repair the suction line proved unsuccessful
- This removed two of six total pumps from operation.
- Approximately 1 million gallons of treated water was being lost per day
- Citizens were not impacted by this incident; the WTP has ample capacity to continue to meet the water needs of its customers.

Kalb & Water Superintendent Phillips describe remediation efforts and steps taken to resolve the issue:

- Production was increased to approximately 7.4 million gallons/day from a normal 6-6.5 million gallons/day to compensate
- Mosser Construction, who is currently working on a project at the reservoir, was contacted for emergency assistance. Mosser provided a scuba diver, who had already been scheduled to work at the reservoir on Wednesday, July 31, to enter the clear well and plug the 20-inch pipe entrance, stemming the flow of water to the compromised pipe.
- A six-week Lead time was estimated for arrival of the replacement pipe; steps have been taken to get the necessary parts in anticipation of Council's action.
- Kalb estimated that the repair could take up to one week once parts were available.

Mosser and Kirk Brothers Construction were contacted and asked about their availability to repair the problem and to provide cost estimates for the repair. Mosser provided an estimate and indicated that they were able to affect the repair as soon the necessary parts were available. Kirk Brothers declined to provide an estimate in light of Mosser's availability and work to-date on the problem.

Kalb requested a \$200,000 appropriation for this emergency repair project.

Kalb noted that Mosser was extremely helpful in this situation, providing the diver at its regular rate (vs. an emergency rate) and in a timely manner. He noted that this is a benefit of having a good working relationship with Mosser. Kalb also thanked Kirk Brothers for their timely response and consult on the situation.

The committee had discussions about worst case scenarios (i.e. what could go wrong next) and proactive steps to mitigate these potential problems. It was noted that the remaining four operational pumps were being closely monitored and their usage rotated to reduce operational strain on them. The committee also discussed how the yet to be scheduled Master Plan project would be expected to identify potential issues such as this one.

The committee discussed how this is a problem that must be fixed and that there was little option but to recommend appropriation of \$200,000. The committee discussed if it were possible to go to bid for the labor portion of the project and if doing so would be wise. The consensus was that the potential labor savings would be minor and that the potential delay to the repair timeline outweighed that benefit of the potential savings.

Motion:

- Recommend that Council:
 1. Appropriate of \$200,000 for emergency repairs in the water treatment plant
 2. Waive formal bid process requirements for this project
- Motion Greeno; Second Bauman
- Motion approved (4-0)

Adjournment

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Grant Russel, Water & Sewer Committee Chair