

KINDRED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

8-3-2016

Special Meeting

Mayor Jeff Wanner called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Council members present: Johnson, Stoddard, Spelhaug and Amerman. Also present were City Attorney Sarah Wear, City Engineer Brandon Oye and Brad Musche, PWS Darin Laverdure, City Auditor Twila Morrison. Guests: Rodney Braaten, Marlowe Rud

1. PUBLIC INPUT ON NEW WATER TOWER PROJECT

Mr. Oye and Mr. Musche explained the water tower project. The current water tower was built around 1950 and holds 50,000 gallons of water. There are approximately 35,000 feet of water mains. The existing water tower has less than 5 years of service life remaining. There is heavy corrosion and loss of steel on the bottom of the bowl; heavy corrosion at the bowl seams and rivets; heavy corrosion and pitting on the interior shell below high water.

The need for a new tower, besides the deterioration of the current tower, is the growth and anticipated growth of the city. The new 100,000-gallon tower will be constructed north of the current tower. The old tower would then be removed.

The timeline is to have the final design completed in the fall of 2016, contract bidding late 2016 or early 2017, and construction in the spring to fall of 2017. A lot of the timeline is contingent upon the MR&I (Municipal, Rural & Industrial Funding) approval of all the reports. This approval process is very lengthy and complicated.

The total project cost is \$1,230,000. The State Water Commission through the MR&I federal funding is providing a grant for 60% of the total project up to a maximum of \$735,000. The Dept. of Health's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) offers a low interest loan for the local share of \$498,000. A 30-year loan at 2.50% could be funded by a utility increase of \$8.00 per user per month. A 20-year loan at 2.50% would be an increase of \$10.72 per user per month if the city decided to fund it this way.

MOTION, passed

On a motion by Mr. Spelhaug and seconded by Mr. Stoddard and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

(Minutes subject to council approval.)

(Agenda deadline is noon Wednesday the week before the meeting.)

Twila Morrison, City Auditor

Jeff Wanner – Mayor