

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEDFORD WATER COMMISSION

April 20, 2016

The pledge of allegiance was given.

The regular meeting of the Medford Water Commission was called to order at 12:35 p.m. on the above date at the Medford City Hall Lausmann Annex, Room 151/157 with the following commissioners and staff present:

Chair Leigh Johnson; Commissioners Jason Anderson, John Dailey, Lee Fortier

Manager Larry Rains, Medford City Attorney Lori Cooper; City Recorder Karen Spoonts; Administrative Coordinator Yvette Finstad; Principal Engineer Eric Johnson; Finance Administrator Tessa DeLine; Public Information Coordinator Sara Bristol; Conservation Coordinator Laura Hodnett; Water Quality Director Rosie Pindilli; Operations Superintendent Ken Johnson

Guests: Medford Councilmember Chris Corcoran; Central Point Mayor Hank Williams; Central Point City Manager Chris Clayton; Phoenix City Manager Steve Dahl

Commissioner Bob Strosser was absent.

Commissioner Johnson remarked that he received a phone call from Commissioner Strosser who stated that he would not be in attendance.

3. Approval or Correction of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2016

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Comments from Audience

- 4.1 Phoenix City Manager Steve Dahl stated that their town is torn up but looking forward to when work is completed.

5. Authorization of Vouchers

Motion: Authorize the Manager and the Recorder to issue check-warrants in payment of invoices for a total amount of \$698,852.23.

Moved by: Mr. Dailey

Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

Roll Call: Commissioners Anderson, Dailey, Fortier, and Johnson voting yes; Anderson recused himself from the Asante Physician Partners voucher; Fortier recused himself from Rogue Disposal and Rogue Valley Sewer vouchers.

Motion carried and so ordered.

6. Engineer's Report (Principal Engineer Eric Johnson)

- 6.1 Duff Water Treatment Plant Floc/Sed Basins – Concrete forming, rebar setting and concrete pours continue for the sedimentation basins and the settled water flume. Work on the 48" pipe for the basin influent water continues. Work also continues on the electrical system; there is a big pour going on today. Councilmember Corcoran questioned how big the pour is; Principal Engineer Eric Johnson stated it is a few hundred yards.

- 6.2 Hwy 62 14" Water Main Reroute – MWC is waiting for an invoice from ODOT to pay for the drilled shaft sign post in the amount of \$9,045.00.

- 6.3 City of Medford Lozier Lane Project – MWC is awaiting the outcome of the May 17 general election ballot for the disillusion of the Jacksonville Highway Water District. Meanwhile, MWC staff continues to work with Marquess and Associates on the water plans. MWC staff and City of Medford staff continue to coordinate on the plans and the specifications for the project.

- 6.4 Master Plan Updates – CH2M has submitted more chapters of the Water Management and Conservation Water Plan for review. A meeting with CH2M has been scheduled on April 26 with MWC staff. This meeting will review and coordinate updates to the three master plans.

Medford Councilmember Corcoran questioned what work was being done on Midway and Merriman; staff noted it was not a MWC contract.

7. Water Quality Report (Water Quality Director Rosie Pindilli)

- 7.1 The revised Total Coliform Rule is effective April 1, 2016. Duff plant is on the verge of starting up, depending on the weather. Compliance testing will commence on startup. Staff is working on the MWC backflow standards. Training is being set up for Backflow Specialist and testing certification.

- 7.2 Scott Curry with the Oregon Health Authority had a major operation yesterday.

8. Finance Report (Finance Administrator Tessa DeLine)

- 8.1 The 2016-17 annual draft budget has been distributed to staff. It is scheduled to be presented at the next study session.

- 8.2 Finance Administrator Tessa DeLine stated that Finance has received a draft copy on the investment policy which has several proposed changes. These will be discussed over a conference call. It will be brought forth to the Board at a June meeting.

9. Operations Report (Operations Superintendent Ken Johnson)

- 9.1 Barneburg Reservoir was recently inspected by divers and is in good shape for its age.

- 9.2 The dump truck approved by the Board has been purchased and staff is getting ready to put into service.

10. Manager/Other Staff Reports

10.1 Lead and Copper Corrosion Discussion/Direction

A lot of printed information and controversy regarding lead and copper corrosion is swirling about the nation as far away as Flint, Michigan and even as close as Portland, Oregon. Even though MWC meets or exceeds all required rules and regulations of the Federal Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), staff has asked the question: Does the MWC system have corrosion issues/responsibilities beyond the regulations, and if so, what can be done? Staff requested direction related to our own system.

Commissioner Anderson questioned if staff could elaborate on whether there will be increased government standards coming up in the future for lead and copper; Water Quality Director Rosie Pindilli stated that is correct.

Motion: Based on the increased number of reports we've seen in the press, the Board directed staff to evaluate our distribution system and bring forth a report and recommendation to address any deficiencies and to plan for the anticipated increase in government regulations in regards to substances such as lead and copper.

Moved by: Mr. Anderson

Seconded by: Mr. Dailey

Commissioner Dailey questioned if this would include funding; Commissioner Anderson stated staff will make a recommendation and also noted MWC has had a report done in the past from CH2M. Commissioner Dailey questioned when staff would come back with additional information; Mr. Rains noted in two weeks.

Roll Call: Commissioners Anderson, Dailey, Fortier, and Johnson voting yes.

Motion carried and so ordered.

10.2 Mr. Rains stated that our financial advisor, Deanna Woodring, did not have Commissioner Dailey's email to forward the draft investment policy to him. Commissioner Dailey requested staff forward his email to her.

10.3 Mr. Rains stated that Geologist Bob Jones was able to get the permit pertaining to mitigation for the future Duff II site. We are now able to do something with the property, which will be to grade it to remove the vernal pools that were mitigated by another site. Our future development property will be ready for when Duff II comes along. The window when Duff II happens may stretch out further than we thought. Nevertheless, the permit will be ready. Mr. Rains noted this is just the "uplands" portion, the "intake" portion down by the water will require a separate permit. If not developed within ten years, the state does not want to give a permit. Commissioner Johnson wanted to thank the federal government for being so expedient within a five year period.

11. Propositions and Remarks from the Commissioners

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, this Commission meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The proceedings of the Medford Water Commission meeting were recorded on tape and are filed in the Water Commission's Office. The complete agenda of this meeting is filed in the Water Commission's Office.

Karen M. Spoonts, MMC
City Recorder
Clerk of the Commission