



CITY OF BILLINGS

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

JAMES MARISKA, CHAIRMAN



PUBLIC WORKS BOARD MINUTES

August 21, 2014

The meeting convened at 5:25 pm.

Members present: David Hummel, Tom Llewellyn, James Mariska, and Ryan Sullivan

Members Absent: Ed Hammer and Dave Mumford

Staff present: Kelly Frank and Vern Heisler

Guest: Al Towleron and Jake Ostrander from HDR Inc

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Mariska motioned to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2014 meeting as written. Mr. Sullivan seconded the minutes. All members were in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PROPOSED WATER & WASTEWATER RULES/REGULATION CHANGES

Mr. Heisler discussed the upcoming changes to the Water and Wastewater Rules and Regulations for the city. The changes are a result of input from the public works director, deputy director, environmental affairs, and all water divisions. Some of the major changes include modifying, adding and updating definitions, removal of many construction requirements that are included in and periodically updated in the Montana Public Works Standard Specs and City mods. Expansion of the water and sanitary service are is now handles through the annexation process and City Council approval.

There will also be changes to the Industrial Discharge Permits to more closing align with EPA standards. Also, the Wastewater Treatment Plant made changes to the "allowable wastes" section of the document. The WWTP also accepts waste hauled in to the plant from private companies in Yellowstone County. The waste must follow all guidelines to be accepted.

Mr. Heisler also discussed the Phillips 66 was allowed to discharge into the wastewater system starting in June. They have their own meter that measures their daily discharge and are charged monthly. There has been preliminary discussion about Exxon and other businesses discharging. Mr. Sullivan asked what industrial waste the City would accept. Mr. Heisler explained that the Environmental Affairs handles all inquiries about what can be discharged in the City wastewater system.

2. PROPOSED CHANGES TO LANDFILL OPERATIONS

The Solid Waste Department has requested bids for a new grinder. This will eliminate the need to hire an outside contractor to grind tree branches and bushes. The landfill has a new scale that will hopefully shorten the lines. Mr. Sullivan suggested having residential customers use one scale and commercial customers use the other scale. Also, in the future there may be a residential area for trash and a commercial area to avoid too many people in one area of the landfill.

Other Business

There will be upgrades to the downtown signals in the future. Also, Mr. Mumford will address future water supply options at the next Public Works Board Meeting in October.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45.