

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday October 18th, 2016-Regular Meeting
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman-Ron Gabbett called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:02P.M. The Norwood Water Commission of San Miguel County, State of Colorado, met in regular session at the Norwood Community Center, 1670 Naturita Street, Norwood, Colorado. Those being present were as follows:

Present: Chairman-Ron Gabbett, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen

Staff: Patti Grafmyer-Administrator, Michelle Jensen-Secretary, Tim Lippert-ORC

Absent: Mike Morlang, Mike Grafmyer

Others: Clay Wadman, Elizabeth Stuffings, Lita Bilotti

Review/Consider Consent Agenda:

Motion by Finn Kjome to approve the September 13th, 2016 minutes and the October 2016 bills and accounts as presented. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen.

Motion passed.

Board Member Additions to Agenda: none

Public Walk-In Period:

New Business:

Dane Robinson of 181 Woodstock Road Regarding Proposed Hemp Grow:
Did not make an Appearance

Lita Bilotti Regarding a Leak from Meter to Main Line-Rules and Regulations 3.3.2:

Bilotti discovered a water leak at her house in Redvale, but it was beyond her fence line and not located on her property. Her husband called the Town of Norwood to let them know and she was informed that 3 years ago the Rules and Regulations changed and she as a homeowner is now responsible for the water line running from the meter to the main. Bilotti's would like to know what precedents were set forth in order for them to change the Rules and Regulations. Kjome explains that this is not uncommon and that the water line from the main line to the meter to the home is considered owned by the customer. She explains she is just unhappy about the burden it has placed on her and was wondering if she could be grandfathered in or if the board would cost share the repair with her. Kjome says he doesn't see a lot of support and they have stuck to their guns with the previous customers who were in the same situation.

Old Business:

Clay Wadman with NLGG:

Stuffings explains the presentation of the Southwest Grant and how they received the entire \$175,000. She said in order for the funding to be released they just need to prove they have the entire funding for the water dispenser. They have up to 2 years to get this structure in place. The Southwest Board did

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recommend to raise the tap fees and to establish a new tap commitment form. They are proposing that the remote water taps can also be transferrable, with a \$100 transfer fee such as the water commission already has in place. San Miguel County would like the \$25000 they are donating to go to low income homes. Clay would like to move forward with engineering and he would like to apply for the DOLA engineering admin grant which is a matching \$25000 grant and he would like the town to match the \$25000.

Kjome called Erik Bikis and caught him up to speed on the project. They are now looking at April for their application deadline because he says there is no way to get it done by Dec. 1. Bikis called Kjome back and said he believed they could do the engineering for \$30,000. \$20,000 would come out in 2016 and then the other \$10,000 would come out in 2017.

Motion by Finn Kjome to recommend to the Town Board to move forward with the engineering and give their approval to begin the tap sales and for the NWC to pay all personnel wages in preparation of the air survey as in-kind. Jim Wells seconds the **motion**. Jensen would like to know why they want to launch the tap sales. Wadman explains that the tap sales are our matching money for the \$25000. Patti asks if customers can still get a tap for \$2400 and donate the \$100 for the senior scholarship fund. Wadman clarifies that the taps are now \$2500 and donations of \$100 on top of the \$2500 can still be made to contribute to the senior scholarship fund. Patti reminds Clay that they need to change it on the tap commitment form. Jensen is concerned with the tap fees being raised in January. Wadman thinks that the taps will still sell but he says that they can always revisit the fees. Jensen wants to know if Wadman feels there is a lot of support from the community and Clay says yes he has had so many people come up and thank him for all his work on this project. Gabbett asks where the \$20000 for engineering is going to come from. Kjome says maybe reserves. **Yes-** Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. **Motion passed.** Patti asks if they want her to carry this motion to the Town board. Board agrees to forward the motion on via email.

Staff Reports/Announcements

Public Works Director's Report:

Lippert reports that farmers' water went off October 1.

They had to send the APA 6000 in to be repaired it just wasn't working properly. He called the service department and they said to send it in and there would be no charge.

Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted.

Lippert says they received a letter from the state and the monitoring on raw water is coming up, he is not sure what it's all about but that is all the information that he has. He says they are trying to change the standard on Bac T sampling. The health department coach will be here teaching a class on electronic recording for water and wastewater, he will let the board know the date once they set it.

TTHMs came back high and Lippert is not sure why. The running annual average is just low enough to pass the guidelines which mean notifications will not have to be sent out.

Lippert says we just got our sanitary survey back yesterday. He states it came back in good and not a lot of recommendations except that they really want us to get into the electronic age.

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Lippert handed out the new numbers from HD supply for new meters. He says new antennas do not need to be purchased.

Water Production versus Usage:

Lippert explains how he came up with the loss of revenue for potable water when raw water is put in place. Board discussion follows and Kjome says he is comfortable with the amount of revenue lost.

Board Member Reports:

none

Administrative Reports:

Presentation of 2017 Draft Budget

Patti hands out the 2017 Draft Budget. We came out in the black for 2016. Patti explains the different options of possible rate raises. She put a few numbers together for possible projects in the future. The Board will have to schedule a work session.

Adjourn:

Motion by Finn Kjome to adjourn the meeting at 8: 55P.M. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. **Motion passed.**

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

11/9/16