

# City of Newton Water/Wastewater Meeting

**May 8, 2023**

Attendees: Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, Brent Benefiel, Tyler Weber, Joshua Kuhl, Rosetta M. York, Gayle Glumac, Mike Swick, R.J. Lindemann, Blake and Kayla Clark and Melissa Brooks  
Called to order at 6:00 pm

## Water

- Discuss compact tractor  
John Deere 3 series 39 horse with front end skid steer attachment. Current equipment will work with this unit and the skid steer attachment. Total: \$38,265.06 with a 3-year lease to own; \$6,400 per department per year.  
Renting the same model currently and has exceeded expectations. This equipment would be utilized by all departments and an overall benefit to the city.  
Council agreed to send it to the agenda
- Discuss 300 N Hickory, Clark's fence building enquiry  
Service line runs adjacent to fence and was likely there before house was built. Tyler feels it would be less than \$2000 to bore a new service line when another boring job is in town. To avoid future discrepancy, it was agreed the city would move the line at the soonest possible date.  
Service line being redirecting ASAP
- Discuss new telephone system  
The current emergency telephone system will not work should the power be out in the event of an emergency, this is due to it running on a land line. The proposed upgrade will give this system its own sim card, keeping the system operable even when power is out. The proposed upgrade is approximately \$4,100 with a \$500 per year (\$30-50 per month) fee for service.  
This measure was tabled until June
- Discuss creating an ordinance that sets imminent domain with water lines  
It was discussed that the city will need to explore an ordinance to establish imminent domain over city water and sewer lines. The ordinance may also contain easement and setbacks. Mayor Kuhl advised the committee draft a letter to our legal consult Bill Heap to explore what can be done by the city. The committee will draft an email to Mr. Bill Heap. Further discussion will be had after his advisement

## Wastewater

- Discuss an update on operations of the plant. 110 tons of sludge accumulated at the plant. 22 tons of sludge were shipped to Bergbower Farms, saving the city approximately \$65,000 in disposal fees.
- Discuss the Air line replacement. Shannon Woodard is planning the replacement of the air line under the Sewer plant parking lot. The pipe is 12-15 inches, the entire pipe will be replaced. The concrete parking lot will be impacted and torn up to replace the current pipe. Replacement of the concrete should be minimal. With the current pipe being fractured Brent has been forced to run 2 pumps to maintain the same amount of pressure. The repair of the fractured line will cut electricity usage immediately.
- Discuss Waste Water personnel licensing: For future documentation employees will be required to give written proof of internet to take required testing and the date of test. The change will help both the city and employee as tutoring can be provided closer to the testing time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM

Kaleb Wright, Chairman