

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 16, 2012
4:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor St. Ores.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor St. Ores, Councilmembers Carlson, Hanson, Goldston, and Ostertag

Staff Present: Administrator Berg, Assistant Administrator/City Planner Taylor, Public Works Supervisor Horak, Engineer Peters

Agencies Present: Christopher Larson – SEH, Gerald Stahnlo – MPCA, Kurt Schroeder – MPCA, Lucas Martin – MDH, Karla Peterson – MDH, Ginny Yingling – MDH, Dave Schultz – MDH, and Leah Evison – EPA

OVERVIEW OF THE CITY’S WATER DEPARTMENT AND AIR STRIPPER FACILITY

Administrator Berg gave a brief overview of the water department, noting that it maintains approximately 18 miles of water mains within Bayport and Baytown Township. The water department also maintains three wells, a water storage tank, a water reservoir, a water booster station, and an air stripper facility to remove trichloroethylene (TCE) from well #2, which was implemented in 2007 after the contaminant was detected in the city’s water. Public Works Supervisor Horak commented on the operation and effectiveness of the air stripper and noted the facility featured great design and was very low maintenance. It was also noted that the city has a fourth well (#1), located near Lakeside Park, which has been abandoned.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE DRINKING WATER REPORT

Administrator Berg explained that the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) provides all municipal water supply systems with a water quality report on an annual basis, which is required to be published in the city’s official newspaper or mailed to all city residents. He reviewed the 2011 report, which indicated that no contaminants were found in the city’s water that violated federal drinking water standards. It was also noted that no TCE was detected in the city’s water supply treated by the air stripper facility, but that TCE levels had been rising, particularly in well #3 and #4. Questions and discussion followed on the source and anticipated longevity of the TCE contaminant and the potential for MDH to decrease the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) goal for TCE and other contaminants in the near future. Ginny Yingling of MDH offered to assist the city by attending public meetings and/or fielding questions related to TCE, as needed.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO WELL #3 AND SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT

Administrator Berg noted several inefficiencies of well #3, primarily due to age. He also noted that recent water and monitoring reports have indicated a rise in TCE levels in well #3, and an engineering feasibility study would help to address these issues. Administrator Berg mentioned that the well was in need of rehab due to age of the equipment. The City Council stated that as a component of the study,

the engineer should explore alternatives to rehabbing the existing well, i.e. exploring the possibility of abandoning well #3 altogether or retrofitting the well with a filter treatment system in its existing location. It was noted that the city has allocated \$100,000.00 in the city's 2011 and 2012 Capital Improvement Plan for improvements to well #3 and has secured a Source Water Protection Plan Matching Grant from MDH for \$10,000.00, to develop a feasibility study and action plan to address the TCE in well #3 and #4.

OAK PARK HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL WATER EXTENSION STUDY TO THE STILLWATER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Administrator Berg noted that the City of Oak Park Heights recently initiated discussions with the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) to extend their municipal water supply to the facility in Bayport as an alternative to rehabbing the facility's existing private system. The facility currently operates two wells, a treatment facility, and an elevated water storage tank. However, the infrastructure is in need of significant repair and therefore the DOC is seeking a \$3.391 million bonding request to complete the necessary improvements. Administrator Berg mentioned that Bayport proposed to extend municipal water to the facility in 2004, but due to a number of factors, including cost, the prison decided against pursuing this partnership. Oak Park Heights is in the process of conducting a feasibility study to examine the proposed extension.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor St. Ores adjourned the workshop at 6:07 p.m.