



**Emergency Special Sewer Dumping
City Council Meeting
September 20, 2024
6:00 pm
Sturgeon Lake City Hall**

The following council members were present at the hall: Mayor Scott Helfman, Councilmember Nick Dagle, Councilmember Adam Langhorst, and Councilmember David Lingle.

The following councilmembers were absent: none

The following city employees were present at the hall: City Clerk/Treasurer Sandra Osterdyk

The following city staff members were absent: Public Works Superintendent Larry Coursolle

Members of the public that were present: Mike Svacina, Jackie Svacina and Raven Fredricks

Call to order: Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Helfman called the Emergency Special Sewer Dumping City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Guests and Visitor Comment

Mike Svacina was present to speak to the council about the new full-load policy that was put into effect on September 17, 2024. Mike's Sewer Service trucks are equipped with see level meters, to provide gallonage readings. The see level meters are accurate sitting level plus or minus 100 with calibration at 4,420 and 4,920 maximums on his trucks. Mike's ask to the council is to have the full load policy lifted for his team and instead allow them to take photographs each time they arrive at the WWTF before dumping that show they're full of see level reading with a timestamp. Councilmember N. Dagle expressed his concern that the angle could result in inaccurate reading with the sight glass at the back of the truck. Mayor Helfman recommended establishing a level spot to take the reading when they decant. All parties agreed with this. Pictures will be taken before the camera and emailed daily to the City Clerk for tracking. Mike's Sewer Service will coordinate a time with Councilmember N. Dagle on Monday, September 23, 2024, to establish the location and do the first readings. Mike Svacina shared that it's easier to keep records of daily readings by rounding the numbers up or down. Anything at 250 or below will be rounded down, and anything above will be rounded up. It was confirmed that full truck loads are 3,000 gallons for Robbins Septic and for Mike's Sewer Service, with the Peterbilt at 3,500 gallons and the Mack at 4,500 gallons.

Councilmember N. Dagle motioned to use anything at 250 or below, which will be rounded down, and anything above will be rounded up, for record keeping, seconded by Councilmember A. Langhorst. The motion was carried out, with all members present voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

New Business

The council discussed additional gallons and decided to grant an additional 100,000 gallons for the rest of 2024 to be evenly divided, 50,000 gallons each, between Mike's Sewer Service and Robbins Septic, with the clause that it could be restricted depending on the weather at any time.

Councilmember N. Dagle made a motion to grant an additional 100,000 gallons for the rest of 2024 to be evenly divided, 50,000 gallons each, to Mike's Sewer Service and Robbins Septic, with the clause that it could be restricted dependent on weather at any time, seconded by Councilmember D. Lingle. The motion was carried with a roll call vote, with all members present voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Old Business

Mayor Helfman shared the information that Joe Rehbein had shared earlier regarding the clean-up of the mound at the wastewater treatment plant is not as easy as he made it sound. Mayor Helfman is waiting for additional information from Tom Anderson. The meter mentioned earlier is \$4,400 for one pond, and our system requires two of these. This would also require the city to build a shed with a forced main. This might be possible before it freezes.

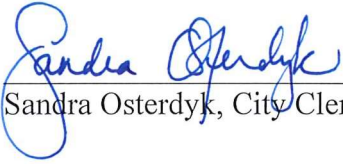
Announcements

- City Hall closure on Monday, October 14, 2024, in observance of Indigenous People Day/Columbus Day
- City Council Meeting, October 22, 2024

Adjournment

Councilmember N. Dagele motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember A. Langhorst. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Osterdyk, City Clerk/Treasurer



Scott Helfman, Mayor