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WATER BOARD AGENDA MEMO

To: Water Board, City Administrator
From: John Powell, Public Works Director
Department: Engineering
Subject: Approve Minutes
Meeting: Water Board - Jan 27 2025

INTRODUCTION:

Attached are the minutes from the November 25, 2024 Water Board meeting. Water Board Members are allowed to vote on approval of minutes even though they were not in attendance at that particular meeting.

DISCUSSION:

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review, revise as appropriate, and approve the minutes.

ATTACHMENTS:

[November 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)

MINUTES
REGULAR WATER BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 25, 2024
5:00 PM
City Hall • 430 Third Street • Farmington, MN

Members Present: Cordes, Weierke, Wohlers

Members Absent:

Staff Present: John Powell, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Others Present:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Weierke at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Motion** by Weierke to approve the minutes as presented for the October 28, 2024, meeting. **Seconded** by Wohlers, **Motion Carried.**

3. New Business

- a. **December 2024 Water Board Meeting** - The 4th Monday in December falls on December 23; City Hall will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. Director Powell and the board discussed the lack of need for a meeting in December. **Motion** by Weierke to cancel the December 2024 Water Board meeting **Seconded** by Cordes, **Motion Carried.**

4. Approve Bills

- a. Minor clarification was provided to the Board on disbursements. **Motion** by Wohlers to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$50,242.57. **Seconded** by Cordes, **Motion Carried.**

5. Open Forum – Project & Information Updates

- a. **MCES Water Efficiency Grant Program:** Since our October meeting three property owners have received rebates; one for a dishwasher at \$150, one for a clothes washer at \$200, and one for an irrigation controller at \$86. The 2024-2026 grant amount is \$12,400
- b. **2025 Street Improvements:** The watermain in this project area is primarily 6-inch CIP. The city's considerations for watermain replacement includes the history of breaks, leaks, main sizes, needs for upsizing mains, etc. Due to the size and age of the mains, the Water Board directed staff to replace all the water main in this project area consistent with our current standards.

- c. **Meadowview Preserve Phase II:** Phase II involves 75 additional units and a road connection to 190th Street West. Initial concepts for the 190th Street extension are under review but staff will likely be recommending new watermain be included on 190th Street.
- d. **Denmark Trail Townhomes:** Watermain testing is complete on this Dakota County CDA development of 40 townhomes
- e. **Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR):** Water systems required to complete an inventory of service line materials. The MDH Minnesota Lead Inventory Tracking Tool (LITT) tool is available via: <https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/>. Public Works staff continue to review records to identify service materials will eventually need to visit at least some properties for identification.
- f. **Vermillion Commons 4th Addition:** 68 single family homes plus 66 townhomes (134 total). Site grading is nearly complete. The developer, Lennar, will not be proceeding with the utility and street work in 2024 due to the lateness in the year and their inability to obtain a MnDNR dewatering permit this fall. But Lennar has requested, and the city has allowed, a temporary bituminous access road from 220th Street to north for construction vehicles.
- g. **Spruce Street & Dushane Parkway Intersection:** Yellow Tree Apartments is constructing a new 168-unit apartment building of the northwest corner of this intersection which will be reconstructed in 2025. An easement exchange with Vermillion Valley (Adelmann Farm LLC) is moving forward. New water lines will be installed under the new Spruce Street roadway.
- h. **Public Works Staffing Update:** All Public Works Maintenance Worker positions are now filled (10 total).
- i. **Emergency Water Interconnect with Empire:** Farmington will lead the project (design, draft JPA, contract) to provide a water system interconnect with Empire. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.
- j. **Comprehensive Land Use Plan:** Community Development is leading the process of doing a city-wide, mid-cycle, Comprehensive Plan Amendment. They have also decided to process a separate smaller Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the Fountain Valley Golf Course and ISD 192 parcels identified for the Tract Farmington Technology Park.
- k. **Dakota County Corridor Studies:** Denmark Avenue from CR 50 to Ash Street; Ash Street from Denmark Avenue to Honeysuckle Lane; are both being studied by Dakota County. The initial open house will be held in December, and the study is expected to be completed by mid-2025.
- l. **2024 Boards & Commission Reception:** The reception will held December 5, 2024, beginning at 5:30p in the Fire Station 1 Training Room. No Water Board members will be able to attend.

m. Water Storage Tank Siting Study Update: Agreement with AE2S will be considered at the 12/16/24 City Council meeting. This is an update of a study completed in early 2020. The city's Comprehensive Plan Amendment process has progressed to the point where water demand can be determined to the extent needed to move forward with trunk improvements that have citywide benefit such as water storage.

6. Adjourn

Motion by Weierke to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. **Seconded** by Cordes, **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

John Powell
Public Works Director/City Engineer