**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, February 25, 2021  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Kurt Knutson, Steve Lundsten, Tim Ehler; Staff: Christina Peterson, Terry Wright, Sara Jarr, Dan Odeen. Town Board Supervisors: Tim Candahl

**ATTENDANCE LIST:** Mike Tighe, WKBT

1. **Call to Order** at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson Kurt Knutson.
2. **Minutes.** Motion by Lundsten to approve minutes from 2/11/2021, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Bills Payable.** Motion by Knutson to approve bills $7,615.69 open invoices, and $650.00 paid invoices, second by Lundsten. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Citizens’ Concerns.** None
5. **PFAS Water Testing.** Terry Wright explained that people have been calling asking whether Shelby tests for PFAS. Shelby’s regular testing does not include PFAS. The test would cost $425 per well. Dan Odeen explained the special procedure that is required to collect a sample for this testing. Dan checked with Rural Water and the DNR. They do not think Town wells are in danger, because we have deep wells far from any known source. No action was taken to order testing.
6. **2021 Water and Sewer Budget.** Peterson gave an overview of the first draft of the 2021 budgets. The draft Sewer Budget revenue reflects the new sewer rate of $98/quarter. The proposed sewer projects include a total of $120,000 for sewer lining and $20,000 for meter purchase. Direction was to maximize sewer lining project and fourth meter could be on hold. The sewer budget will balance for 2021. The draft water budget revenue is modified from early projections since the water rate increases approved by the PSC will not be in effect as soon as hoped. Therefore, the water budget expenses will be greater than revenue for 2021, most likely creating a negative position at the end of 2021. Once the Step II rate increase begins in 2022, the water fund will begin to recover. Budgets will be on a future agenda for approval.
7. **Administrator Report.** Peterson gave a recap of the PSC Public Hearing held February 24, 2021. She pointed out the PSC notice referenced the increase for an average residential user. Other user types will see a different percent increase as listed in the detailed rate report issued by the PSC.
8. **Public Works Report.** Terry Wright noted he is working on I&I sewer lining projects, having a Phase 1 and a Phase 2 project. Terry also showed an example of the inspection sheet on what information they are collecting during the home inspections.
9. **Chairperson/Commissioners Reports.** None.
10. Motion by Knutson to adjourn 5:13 p.m., second by Ehler. Motion carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting** Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christina Peterson, Administrator