

City of Vergas  
Water Sewer  
Committee

The Water Sewer Committee met on September 8, 2021, 6:30 pm, at the Vergas City Office and on Zoom. In attendance were Logan Dahlgren, Natalie Fischer, Mike DuFrane, Mike Novitzki, Engineer for KLM Engineering and Julie Lammers.

1. Elevated Water Tank Inspection Report

Reviewed Report with information stating interior of water tower will need to be done in 3-5 years for approximately \$125,000.00 and the exterior painting will need to be done in 6-11 years for approximately \$176,000.00 or city can paint both interior and exterior for approximately \$300,000.00. There are a few items on the tower that are not approved by the MN Health Department or OSHA that will need to be corrected if any work is done on the tower.

2. Dehumidifier for Water Plant

KLJ Engineering recommends purchasing a Munter HC-300 dehumidifier for \$19,547.00 and DuFrane recommends purchasing a Quest 120/Up graded HI-E Dry 100 dehumidifier from Alden Pool for \$2,470.00.

After meeting, DuFrane confirmed Quest 120 has a life span of 10-15 years, with a 5-year warranty on computer and a 1-year total warranty.

3. 2022 Water Budget

Committee reviewed water budget and 2021 financials and would like to see \$25,000 a year put into a savings account for future projects.

4. 2022 Sewer Budget

Committee reviewed sewer budget and 221 financials.

5. Heaters in water plant

Heaters at the water plant need to be replaced and DuFrane will bring proposal to the October Council meeting. Committee asked DuFrane to look at both electric and gas heaters and provide cost of each for the October council meeting.

**Recommendations for Action:**

1. Recommend purchasing Quest 120/UP Graded Hi-E Dry 100 dehumidifier for water plant for \$2,470.00.
2. Recommended approving water budget and increasing the water rates from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons of water used. Recommend leaving the water base rate at \$28.00 a month on January 1, 2022.
3. Recommended approving sewer budget and increasing the sewer rates from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons of water used on January 1, 2022. Recommend leaving the water base rate at \$28.00 a month as of January 1, 2022.