

**City of Vergas  
Sewer-Water Committee Meeting**

The Sewer-Water Committee was called to order on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 7:30 pm at The Vergas City Office. Present were Logan Dahlgren, Natalie Fischer, Mike DuFrane and Julie Lammers.

Agenda: Filter Media and Water Plant Heaters

Utility Superintendent Mike DuFrane reviewed the leaking media filters at the water plant stating they needed to be replaced as soon as possible. DuFrane provided a quote from Kurita for the necessary internal components and labor associated to refurbish (2) vertical pressure filters provided by Tonka Equipment in 1993, Tonka serial number 93147. Quote provided is \$113,400.00 with 90% paid upon shipment of materials and 10% paid upon services.

Originally DuFrane thought the filter could be repaired but that is not the case as the bottom of the filter is leaking in 3 places in a 4-foot area. If this blows it could be a disaster. Media filters have a 30- year life expectancy.

Committee discussed other projects needing funding and if they should be grouped together. Lammers and DuFrane will be attending a meeting with Mn Rural Water regarding funding on November 4, 2021 and will get more information on how to fund this project.

DuFrane reported he has spoken with Zitzow Electric regarding changing the heating system to natural gas at the water treatment building. Jeff Zitzow recommends not using natural gas due to the corrosion in the building. DuFrane spoke with Great Plains and the first 75 feet installed is free but the City would have to pay for pipe after 75 feet. Committee decided to get quotes for electric heaters.

**Council Recommendations:**

1. Approve bid from Kurita for \$113,400.00 and have filter media replaced as soon as possible.
2. Lammers provide funding opportunities at the Council meeting.
3. DuFrane provide price for 3 heaters for the Council meeting.