

City of Vergas
Water and Sewer Committee Meeting

The Water/Sewer Committee was called to order on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 5:30 pm on Teams. Present were Natalie Fischer, Logan Dahlgren, Mike DuFrane and Julie Lammers.

Agenda: filter media, water pumps and funding for future infrastructure

Filter Media – approve replacing at the November Council meeting and the only funding available is the micro loan from MN Rural Water to pay for the project. Cost \$113,400. Program fee cost is \$5,050 for loans from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Committee recommended apply for the loan.

DuFrane stated he has a pump making noise and needs to be pulled and inspected. The estimate for the equipment to pull and install pump as well as repair is \$8,251.50. We have 2 pumps, both due for inspections. Pulling the other pump for inspection will cost \$4,050.00. There is a cost savings of \$650 if the city pulls both pumps saving Thein Well Company from making another trip.

Committee recommended pulling both pumps, making repairs and adding the \$13,000 to the micro loan we are applying for with Mn Rural Water.

Committee discussed the following grant programs within the state of Minnesota: Drinking Water State Revolving and Legacy Fund (DWRD), Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWRD), Water Infrastructure Fund, Point Source Grant, Public Facilities Authority (PFA), USDA Rural Development and MPCA. With all funds the City would need to be on a project priority list and the intended use plan list for consideration. Committee asked Lammers and DuFrane to spend the time to fill out the applications, request public hearings and keep committee informed by calling water and sewer committee meetings when they are needed.

Council Recommendations:

Apply for Micro Loan with MN Rural Water for \$126,000.

Approve applying for the Minnesota Project priority list and the intended use plan.

Follow Up Actions:

Lammers & DuFrane prepare and apply for the Minnesota Project Priority List by March 4, 2022.

Lammers and DuFrane prepare and apply for the Intended Use Plan by June 3, 2022.