

# City of Vergas

## Water/ Sewer Committee

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**Date:** Monday, May 20, 2024, at 9am

**Present:** Natalie Fischer, Julie Lammers, Mike DuFrayne, Dean Haarstick

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1. **Additions and Deletions:** Hydrant Flushing Policy was added (#6).
2. **SCADA - notification system:** Still waiting for the meter due to needing a 22" spacer that is on order. Once installed the system will have to sit for three weeks (assume that this is for calibration purposes).
3. **Generator Pigtails:** The lower box is almost done; waiting on elbow. Mike has benchmarked others to ensure that the pigtail is compatible with their systems.
4. **Water Sewer Ordinances:** Committee reviewed the recommended changes from Mike.
  - 51.086: Update Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be ~~provided~~ **required** when....
  - 51.092: Mike recommended the time frame be 'less'. Julie will check to see what the state requirements are for the time frame.
  - 52.28: Update to read 'service will be shut-off at the ~~curb stop~~ **corp main stop**.
  - 52.31-C: Update 'Copper pipe and ductile **200 PSI Poly Pipe**...
  - 52.7-C: Remove this section. We do not currently require annual license updates with the city. Any plumbing company would need to be licensed with the state and follow standard code and regulations.
5. **Budget:** Overall, within budget. Looking very good for Sewer Budget. We are over on Water Debt Services (414); this is due to the pumps coming in at \$13,200 versus the \$10,000 budgeted amount.
6. **Hydrant Flushing Policy** – Mike had concern regarding policy but after reviewing realized it had already been updated to be more generic. (Past listed business names and dates for flushing; current does not).

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### Follow Up Actions:

- 1) Julie will check to see what the state requirements are 51.092 of Water Sewer Ordinance to find if '30 Day' service connection requirements are mandatory or if the time frame can be reduced.
- 2) Julie updated that she is working with Minnesota Rural Water to do an assessment of the water fees. This is done periodically to ensure that Vergas rates are where they should be based on our costs and rates around the areas.
- 3) Planning Commission to review the proposed changes to the Water/ Sewer Ordinance.

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### Recommendations for Council:

- None
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**Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 am.**

Meeting Recorder: Natalie Fischer