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Water and Waste Water Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, November 24, 2025 6:00 PM – 7:38 PM

Attendees: Joshua Kuhl, Gayle Glumac, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Mike Swick, Maggie McDonald, Tyler Weber, Brent Benefiel and Carson Brown

Meeting began at 6:00 PM.

- The chlorine generator in the water plant is needing upgrades. Tyler will be adding this maintenance project in next year's budget plan.
- After amendments to the Enterprise Zone last year, incentives are now available for residential projects over \$10,000. One of the incentives is the waiving of the water and sewer connection fees. If a property owner would request the water meter to be removed from a property, and decide later they want to have water back to the property, the Enterprise Zone incentive that waives the water connection fees will not apply. The owner will be liable for the cost of the water connection installation and fees.
- There have been misunderstandings on homeowner responsibilities when it comes to sewer line maintenance. The Newton City Municipal Code states in Chapter 38-6-24 Cost Borne by Owner: *"All costs and expenses including labor and material incidental to the installation, connection and maintenance of a lateral sewer line shall be borne by the owner(s). The owner(s) shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation, connection and maintenance of the lateral sewer lines. This section shall apply even where the lateral sewer line runs under a public street, public right-of-way, or public easement."*
- The city requires an annual backflow prevention device inspection report. These need to be on file with the city. The department has had trouble retrieving all these reports in a timely manner. Necessary action will need to be taken if we continue to not receive these forms.
- Tyler will be getting with the city engineers on an estimate to continue water service along 925th Ave.
- The committee discussed budgeting for a new water meter system. Our current meters will be losing support and phasing out by 2028. Tyler will be gathering more information, numbers and different scenarios on how the city can budget for a new system.
- The City of Newton's Sewer Plant was nominated for Plant of the Year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Submitted by:
Mike Swick - Chairman