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Water and Waste Water Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 18, 2026 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Attendees: Mike Swick, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake, Gayle Glumac, Joshua Kuhl, Melissa Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Shannon Woodard, Brent Benefiel, Josh Ochs and Bill Heap

Meeting began at 5:30 PM.

- The sewer main project on East Reynolds Street was discussed. The project will include the installation of three new manholes and approximately 300 linear feet of new sewer main. The estimated project cost is \$46,000. Upon completion of the main installation, affected property owners will be responsible for connecting their private service lines to the new main. The City will coordinate with the City Attorney to prepare the necessary easements. The project is anticipated to be completed during the summer construction season.

Bill Heap arrived at 5:35 PM.

- The condition of an existing water main located behind Tarr Chiropractic, running east and west from Hutton Drive toward the Homestead Subdivision, was discussed. The line is currently exposed and deteriorating. The City plans to abandon and cap this line. Affected properties will instead be served by three (3) separate service lines, which will be connected to the south water main and extended north to the respective properties. The estimated project cost is \$15,500, which will be incorporated into the upcoming fiscal year Water Department budget.
- Notice was received regarding the resignation of the Water Department Head. Shannon Woodard will serve as Interim Operator until the position is filled.
- The City has begun receiving sludge loads from Newton Power Plant.
- Brent will coordinate with the school superintendent and maintenance personnel to address the school's downspout drainage concerns. With the planned school expansion, this is considered an appropriate time to resolve the issue.
- A quote in the amount of \$135,000 has been obtained for improvements to the Yager Lift Station. The City will explore potential grant funding opportunities to assist with the project.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by:
Mike Swick - Chairman