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## **Water and Waste Water Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, June 15, 2026 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

Attendees: Mike Swick, Joshua Kuhl, Maggie McDonald, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake, Melissa Brooks, Jennifer Holland, Scott Rubsam and Adam Painter

Meeting began at 5:30 PM.

- The sewer service line connection at 309 Lafayette Street was discussed. Scott will oversee and monitor the installation process to ensure the connection is completed properly and in compliance with City requirements.
- Jennifer provided an update on the water treatment plant's filter media. Significant differences in the color of the backwash have been observed, indicating the need for further evaluation. The existing filter media system is approximately 15 years old, and staff will explore options for replacing the seals or undertaking a complete replacement of all three filters.
- Jennifer will coordinate and develop a schedule for hydrant flushing.
- A recent fluoride and chlorine leak at the water treatment plant was detected. Repairs have been completed, and the issue has been resolved.

5:45 PM Adam Painter leaves the meeting.

- Eric Blake makes a motion to go into executive session. Kaleb Wright seconds the motion.

7:22 PM

- Eric Blake makes a motion to go out of executive session and back into open session. Mike Swick seconds the motion.
- Jennifer had questions regarding the upcoming water main project near Hutton Drive and Homestead. She will coordinate with the engineer to review the plans and address any concerns prior to construction.
- Jennifer had also questioned the hydrogen tank alarm. It was discovered that the alarm had been bypassed at some point in the past. The cause of the bypass is unknown; however, corrective action will be taken to restore the alarm to proper working order.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Submitted by:

**Mike Swick - Chairman**