

DPW COMMITTEE

12-3-19

Members Present: John Tait, Darin Sprague and Mayor Des Jardins.

Others Present: Troy Hartz and Jamie Learman

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

The committee met to interview Leo McArdle for the water plant operator position. After the interview the members discussed McArdle. Troy Hartz recommended and both members were in favor of recommending him to Council to hire.

The committee reviewed bids from Gorno Ford and Ordus Ford. Gorno provided the state bid price. Ordus Ford was less than the state bid. The committee members were both in favor of recommending to Council a new truck purchase from Ordus Ford.

A house on Elm Street was discovered to have not been hooked up to the City sewer. This house had a septic tank that was still in use and over-full. It should have been connected to the sewer in 1992 by the former owners. The new homeowner purchased the property in late 2014. Learman reviewed the sewer charges from 2015-2019. It was found the City charged \$1,235 in sewer and sewer om&r. Learman and Hartz discussed with the homeowner that the City would pay the bills for the sewer pumping and plumber bill for discovery of the issue. Instead of refunding the \$1,235 in charges, the City will apply the charges to the \$1,200 connection fee and \$20 inspection fee that should have been paid in 1992. The homeowner agreed to this. She asked for some time to connect next spring. The committee would like to see her connect right away to avoid filling the tank again, but agreed to allow until next May for connection. It is agreed that we will begin billing sewer and sewer om&r rates beginning on the July 1, 2020 bill. The homeowner is responsible for all septic tank pumping going forward. Both members were in favor of this. The homeowner told Learman that she is trying to go back on the title company for these bills. If she recovers the money for the pumping, plumber and connection fee, she will pay this money to the City.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Jamie Learman, Office Administrator / Clerk

John Tait, Chairperson