

Council is present. It needs to be factual and accurate; change the meter price correction, and the 5 year will be reconsidered, change to; is under consideration due to public health and septic setback requirements. Although at the present time it allows residents to wait several years; the Downtown needs it the most and then they have to connect and with the permits and the sealing of the well it becomes a hardship. **Councilor Kevin McDermott motioned to send out the resident letter with the noted changes and post it on the website Councilor Paul Briggs second;** Discussion: send to assessed area. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

- **Well sealing timeline:** Do to possible contamination the Water & Sewer Committee is recommending to set a timeline to require the sealing of wells within a certain amount of time. The state and county require the sealing of wells but do not set a time frame that it needs to be completed. Downtown residents are limited with the setback requirements, A has a septic issue and B has a well issue; the adjacent property can't make their improvement until the neighbor seals their well. The city should set a timeline to abandon the well. Do to hardship City Council approved the 2-5 years to connect. The Clean Water Act there is an opportunity for a \$10,000 max grant per year: the complications are how you give out money for private property but there are two wells that will need to be sealed at the city. Councilor Brian Breider; was this included in the original bids; the costs just keep going up. Discussion: The permit is \$300; a letter has been sent to request a reduced rate. There shouldn't be a problem to set a timeline to seal the well. The other factor is where a well needs a sealed; will the real estate market cause it to take care of this itself. If you set forth a 5 year requirement; you could add that if you're impacting the neighbor and they petition the city they would be made to hook up. The county forces them to seal the well but doesn't have a set time limit. Recommend 6 months for the sealing of the well. Have the 5 year hook up; add that if the existence of the well hinders the neighbor to upgrade their septic and they petition the city, they would be forced to hook up within one year. Or just allow the 2-3 years. When it was presented to the public there was a 2-5year window do to hardships. The initial assessments were \$6200 and were dropped in half; so there is a savings. Assessments have already been made; make it 2-3 years up to 5 with a hardship, and set up criteria that would affect it. Does the city know where there are issues that they can't improve their septic? No that evaluation has not been done. Gopher septic did a limited study a few years ago. If the five year requirement is changed would it require a public hearing? It would have to be published. Assessments can be paid off in time; wonder if the city could finance the cost and then have it paid off as an assessment; once a year assess the cost of the affected area. Then have one well company come and go through and seal them. There is an issue of entering private property. The county authority preempts city authority. They will probably not allow the sealing to wait too long. Six months allows a resident some time to save up for the cost. **Councilor Paul Briggs motioned to amend the City Ordinance to include 6 months to seal the well; Councilor Brian Breider second;** discussion: add to informational letter. Per City Ordinance well sealing must be completed within 6 months of disconnection from the private well and connection to the private system. **All in favor motion carried.**

## VII. STREET BIDS:

Overall low bid was Rochester Sand and Gravel (\$23,284.75) with the following breakdown: