

Earlham Municipal Enterprises Committee
July 23, 2018

The Earlham Municipal Enterprises Committee met on Monday, July 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at Earlham City Hall, 140 S. Chestnut Avenue, Earlham, IA. Chairperson Brock Fredericksen called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Adam Griswold, Brant Payne. Staff present – Gary Coffman Public Works Supervisor

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Discussion on painting the current water tower. Coffman stated salesman has not gotten back to him on exact price. They would remove paint and the new paint would act as a shell. This would be temporary as would only last 3-4 years. Coffman estimates cost would be between \$35,000 and \$45,000. Tank could be pressure washed for around \$5,000 to get mildew off the bowl. Fredericksen asked about underground storage tank, which had been discussed before, in addition to the old tower. Coffman stated that would also include pumps, generators and maintenance. He noted underground tank would be approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000, but would still need ongoing maintenance on old tower.

Coffman stated if we do build a new tower, engineer said it could go in same location. We can use pressure from the Warren Water system while new tower is being built. It would be a single column tower, which would require less painting. New tower will cost approximately one million dollars. Committee members couldn't see spending money for painting now as that just pushes off having to build a new tower, which will be more expensive 5-10 years in the future. Gary will get cost to pressure wash. He will get in touch with engineer about going forward with new tower, design, financing, etc. He will see if he can arrange to get engineer at next council meeting. Members also asked about the timing for this project and the upcoming Lagoon upgrades. Coffman said that project would be in 2022.

Consensus is to recommend to council washing the tower bowl now and start moving forward on new tower. Have engineer get started on design, bids, financing, etc.

3. Adjourn
Motion by Griswold, second by Payne to adjourn.

Being there was not further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Brock Fredericksen, Chairperson.