

**MINUTES
SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
FORMER MIDTOWN SERVICE STATION SITE**

AUGUST 3, 2012

Attendees:	Ron Mergen	Chuck DeWolf	Jeff Bertram
	Jeff Thompson	Dave Peschong	Mel Schaefer
	Senator, Michelle Fischbach	Dave Nieman, MN Rural Water	
	Karen Vos, Department of Health	Kim Larson, Department of Health	

The following items were discussed at the meeting conducted at the Paynesville City Hall on Friday, August 3, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. regarding the Former Midtown Service Station Site:

1. Ron Mergen began the meeting by reviewing the history of the Midtown Service Station Site. In 2011, the MPCA decided that they would not complete an excavation to clean up the site. The City and the MPCA continue to disagree on the approach to clean up the plume.
2. Kim Larson from the Minnesota Department of Health indicated that they would not allow Well #4 to be added back into the City's water system. The City was hoping that the well could be added back into the system if the plume was cleaned up because it was their best production well.
3. Adding a treatment process to the City's WTP was discussed. This would be an effective way to deal with contamination. A request was sent to the MPCA to fund these improvements, however, the MPCA declined to fund the improvements indicating that the other wells were not threatened by the plume.
4. Due to the complex geology in the area, the Health Department would like additional monitoring wells installed to track the plume. A flow model could then be built and calibrated based on the data received from the monitoring wells. The Health Department would not be able to complete the flow model unless requested by the MPCA.
5. The MPCA had planned on completing an excavation to clean up the plume and there are numerous reports where the excavation is discussed. However, the MPCA has indicated that they will not complete an excavation of the site at this point.
6. There was considerable discussion regarding the approach to clean up the site. The options discussed included an excavation, WTP improvements or continue to monitor. The consensus of the group at the meeting was excavation was the first option and improvements to the WTP were a secondary option. The group was not in favor of monitoring only. If the MPCA doesn't feel the City's water supply is at risk, why do they continue to spend money monitoring the plume. Either clean up the site if the plume is a threat or stop monitoring if the plumes are not a risk.
7. Senator Fischbach requested that the City Council and Public Works Committee reaffirm their desire to pursue an excavation. The item will be placed on the next agenda for the Council and Public Works Committee.
8. There was discussion regarding the City hiring a third party to complete their own investigation of the plume. Dave Neiman for Minnesota Rural Water indicated that the USGS has been studying a contaminated site in Bemidji for over 30-years and may be able to provide some input on the Midtown plume situation. Dave will try to make contact with them to see if they are willing to meet with the City.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.