

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Workshop
January 22, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a workshop on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Volunteer Room at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Fasbender, Councilmembers Balsanek, Braucks, Leifeld, Lund, Folch, Vaughan

Staff Present: Interim City Administrator Julie Flaten
City Attorney Dan Fluegel
Public Works Director Nick Egger
Communications Coordinator Lee Stoffel
Public Works Superintendent Mark Peine

MDH Staff Karla Peterson, Community Public Water Supply Unit
Stantec: Ryan Capelle, Henry Croll

The workshop convened at 5:30 p.m.

City Attorney Dan Fluegel provided guidance and suggestions to the City Council regarding communications between City Councilmembers and application of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law (OML). Covered topics included: Electronic Communication and Serial Meetings, Electronic or Telephone Meetings, City Administrator Hiring Process, and Change or Social Gatherings.

Public Works Director Nick Egger, provided a presentation on the Water Disinfection Study completed by Stantec. In the fall of 2018 the City encountered water quality concerns that resulted in a boil advisory order for a large portion of the City. This prompted the City to look at options for disinfecting the City's municipal water supply.

The study provides for eight options:

- Chlorine Gas Disinfection
- Sodium Hypochlorite Disinfection
- Ozone Disinfection with Chloride Residual
- Ultraviolet Light Disinfection with Chlorine Residual
- Shock Chlorination Disinfection
- Filtration
- Inspection and Maintenance Program
- Do-Nothing Alternative

Cost estimates were also provided recognizing that some of the options require paring with another system.

Council discussion on nitrates and PFC levels in water system and whether the ultimate system that may be implemented for disinfection should also be able to address potential future concerns. The City is not currently in violation of nitrate levels on any untreated wells, and is not currently in violation of PFC (PFoA, PFb) levels on any wells. 3M settlements may be available in City becomes out of compliance for PFC levels. Safety elements of gas vs. liquid chlorine were discussed.

Next steps include an additional council workshop to continue discussions. It is anticipated staff would bring forth additional information on pros/cons of options, what other cities use, funding options and an expanded cost matrix. Staff will also indicate its recommended option.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Lund at 6:58 p.m.

Mary Fasbender, Mayor

Julie Flaten, City Clerk