Water and Sewer Commission President Shanley called the Regular Meeting of the City of Platteville Water and Sewer Commission to order on Wednesday, January 8th at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

**W/S Commission members present:** Ken Kilian, Isaac Shanley, Eileen Nickels, Mark Meyers, Austin Polebitski, Chris Wilson, Brian Laufenberg  
**W/S Commission members excused/absent:**  
**City Staff present:** Public Works Director - Howard Crofoot, Utility Superintendent – Irv Lupee, Financial Operations Manager - Barb Johnson  
**City Staff excused:** Administration Director – Nicola Maurer

**Citizens’ Comments** – None

The Consent Calendar was presented for consideration. **Motion by Polebitski, second by Meyers to approve the Consent Calendar:** December 11th, 2019 Minutes, December Financial Report, December Bank Reconciliation and Investments Report, Payment of Bills (12/5/2019 – 12/18/2019), December Water Quality Report. **Motion carried.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**  
**NONE**

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

**Emmi Roth Update** – Crofoot announced there was a meeting on 12/11/2019 with Lupee, Maurer, Emmi Roth representatives, and PAIDC representatives. Brief overview of the meeting included design and technology improvements to waste, while still increasing cheese production. Currently, Emmi Roth is not putting high strength waste in the digester. The waste is being hauled off to area fields. Emmi will continue to work with Water/Sewer to reduce the phosphorus levels. The smell is a byproduct of the digester. Its effects on surrounding properties can be reduced with additional businesses and optimizing its processes. August 2019 Emmi had been increasing the high strength waste going into its digester, then down to the WWTP. This high strength waste was the source of excessive amounts of Phosphorous. The WWTP was in imminent danger of violating its permit levels, therefore staff directed Emmi to stop discharging the high strength waste. Phosphorous levels returned to normal. Emmi and staff are coordinating closely to begin adding high strength waste back into the digester and increasing levels slowly in order to manage wastes while not violating effluent permit limits.

**Lupee permission to put well/septic on N Elm St lot** – Lupee has 2 pieces of property. He would like to move the property line, separate the lot, and put well & septic on the property. This will help to get the land developed. Water/Sewer commission told Lupee to check into having the property unannexed. If the property does not become unannexed, then may be considered for City water/sewer.

Discussion in regard to de-regulation of sewer with PSC.

**Motion made by Wilson, second by Nickels to adjourn. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Barb Johnson  
Financial Operations Manager