



## CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Presenter:</b>	Jason Anderson
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, September 12, 2023
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	INFO/ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Update on the Wastewater Facility NPDES Draft Permit and Chloride Reduction Grant
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p><b>NPDES Permit:</b> The Wastewater Facility has been operating under an expired NPDES permit since 2019 while awaiting reissuance of a new permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). On 4/1/2022, we received our New Limits Notification letter from the MPCA which outlined new discharge requirements.</p> <p>Since receiving the new limit notification letter, city staff has partnered with Bolton &amp; Menk and Flaherty &amp; Hood (through the Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board—MESERB) to hold discussions with the MPCA regarding our new permit limits. City and Bolton &amp; Menk staff have met multiple times with the MPCA to discuss the new limits and our ability to reasonably comply with the requirements of the limits.</p> <p>On September 1<sup>st</sup> we received our draft permit and have until October 2<sup>nd</sup> to make any comments to the MPCA prior to it being released for the 60-day public review period. City and Bolton &amp; Menk staff are working on reviewing the draft permit to identify any issues prior to replying to the MPCA.</p> <p><b>Chloride Reduction Grant:</b> The City of Marshall partnered with Bolton &amp; Menk, Inc. and received a MPCA grant to provide free water softener setting adjustments (also known as optimization for salt use). The grant also provides up to \$700 rebates for upgrading old and inefficient softeners to a new more efficient water softeners. The program started on 7/5/2022 and runs through 4/30/2024. To increase participation city staff has worked with Bolton &amp; Menk and the MPCA to open the rebate program to more city residents and businesses.</p> <p>Scott Truedson, Wastewater Superintendent, has prepared a PowerPoint presentation to review the progress of the draft permit and modifications to the chloride reduction grant for water softeners. The purpose of the presentation is to update the City Council on the status of our efforts up to this date and our proposed path moving forward.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	
<b>Alternative/Variations:</b>	No alternative actions recommended.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	that the Council authorizes City staff to modify the water softener rebate program to encourage more participation.