



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, June 28, 2022
Category:	INFORMATION ONLY
Type:	INFO
Subject:	Discuss City Response to MPCA Notification of new Wastewater Permit Limits.
Background Information:	<p>The purpose of this work session is to educate and inform the City Council about the status of our Wastewater Facility's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) discharge permit renewal and staff's proposed response and direction with the MPCA.</p> <p>Marshall's NPDES permit has been expired since 5/1/2019 and we have continued to comply with the requirements in the 2014 permit while the MPCA finished up on new standards for our receiving waters. On 4/1/2022 we received our New Limits Notification letter. This is a precursor to a draft of our new permit, and it outlines six new parameters that we will need to meet.</p> <p>Staff has been working with Bolton & Menk and MESERB to answer the questions raised in the letter and to express our concerns to the MPCA. Our response letter is due back to the MPCA by July 31st, 2022 and will be considered as our draft permit is drawn up.</p> <p>Enclosed with this memo is the MPCA New Limits Letter, the draft proposed city response letter, and a draft letter to be sent to our Significant Industrial Users (SIUs). The proposed new limits may impact our local industries, so we need to keep them informed. SIUs included: Viessman Trucking, Turkey Valley Farms, SF Global Supply Chain (Schwans), Archer Daniels Midland, and Lyon County Landfill.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	The requirements that ultimately are included in our next NPDES permit can have huge financial impacts for our facility and local industries.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendation:	that the Council approve the response letter to the MPCA and the letter to be sent to the Significant Industrial Users.