

5:30 pm

March 28, 2018

**646th MEETING OF THE
HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Pat Goff called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Cooper, Corvinus, Stirm and Riley present. Also present, City Clerk Gina Elmer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Cooper made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Workshops:

- New HWY 55 Bridge:
Amy Woodruff explained that construction of the new bridge is scheduled to begin this fall. The utilities located on the bridge must be paid for by the City. The City will need to obtain a loan or grant to pay for the new utility line. Amy talked to Carol Garrison from Rural Development and the City would be eligible for a loan. The City could get a thirty year loan on \$265,000 which would cause an increase of \$3.68. Normally, there would be a bond election for this cost. Due to the time frame, the City will have to seek judicial confirmation to borrow the money. Once the confirmation is in place the City would work with the USDA to obtain a loan through the bank which is backed by Rural Development. Staff recommends that the City seek authorization to borrow \$500,000. ITD requires that they have the money before advertising for construction bids. Councilwoman Cooper feels it is unfair to require the City to fund the new utility lines, since the City did not ask for the bridge to be replaced. Mayor Goff wonders if the old bridge could be kept as a walking bridge so the line would not have to be moved. Shawn Surgeon asks the question will they actually build the bridge on time since ITD has been going to build the bridge for the last twenty years. Councilman Riley asked if there are any other options concerning placement of the utility lines. Amy said they looked into boring under the Payette River, but it was not feasible.
- Water/Sewer Rates:
Amy Woodruff discussed how the water/sewer rates are structured currently. She then presented Council with a comparison of how the water/sewer rates would change if the City went with a different billing structure. The difference being that the water rates would be determined by per gallon usage with no base rate. Mayor Goff wants the rates to be equitable for all water usage. Councilman Corvinus added that he thinks by the gallon billing would be a better way to go. Councilman Stirm wants the constituents to feel it is equal to all. He asked Amy Woodruff what her experience is with other cities that use per gallon usage. Amy said that some like it and some do not, but it is not a common practice among the cities she works with. There was much discussion about the amounts of usage. Shawn Surgeon is looking at deeding 900 square feet of his property to the City for the Madison Ave project. He wants the City to look at different options of

billing. He is currently billed for seven EDUs (Equivalent Dwelling Units) and only has three mobile homes there and, he feels he should only be charged for the usage instead of EDUs. Councilman Stirm says that the Council cannot make decisions on individual properties. The Council has to make it beneficial for all. Mayor Goff said maybe we just have to look into changing the billing of multiple dwellings. Councilwoman cooper said it would have to be fair for everyone. There were questions about nonresident water rates and Mayor wants it added to the agenda for the April 18, 2018.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Meeting Adjourned 7:15pm.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor