

7:00 pm

April 18, 2018

**647th 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 and Attorney Tony Pantera.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Councilman Stirm made a **motion** to approve the previous minutes for the March 21, 2018 and March 28, 2018 meetings. Councilman Riley **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilwoman Cooper made a **motion** to approve and pay the City's bills. Councilman Riley **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

New Business:

- Non Resident Water Rates:
Tony Pantera informed the council that if the water rates were being raised more than five percent a Public Hearing is required. The proposed increase discussed by Council would be more than five percent. Councilman Stirm made a **motion** to hold a Public Hearing for Non Resident Water rates to be raised at the May 16, 2018 council meeting. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Old Business:

- Richard McDowell:
Mr. McDowell has returned for the Council's decision concerning the billing of his multiple hookups. Mayor Goff suggests that the City charge multiple hookup residents for one meter, according to size, and then charge for water used over the three thousand gallon base rate. He would also like to see the rate for the overage raised, and the sewer rate raised to reflect 80% of the water usage for all customers. Tony Pantera advised Council that a public hearing would be necessary to amend the current ordinance. Council decides to hold a public hearing for this issue May 16, 2018 along with the nonresident water rates. Mr. McDowell wishes to table his bill and pay the new rate for his old bill. Council refuses because then they would have to do this for all customers.

Department Updates:

- EMS:
Tammy Sereduk was not present.
- Public Works:
Jobie Catherman said that they have been working to get the spray truck in working order and prepping the water plant for high water flows. There were some electrical issues at

the sewer plant. He received three bids to replace the fence at the City Park and they were included in Council's books. Jobie feels that only the north side of the park needs to be fenced to keep people from driving in, and to lower the cost City employees will remove the existing fence. Councilman Stirm recused himself from the vote as he works for one of the companies placing a bid for the fence. **Councilwoman Cooper** made a **motion** to award the job to Heartland Post & Pole for the fence on the north side of the park. **Councilman Corvinus seconded. Roll call: Councilman Riley-aye, Councilman Corvinus-aye, Councilwoman Cooper-aye, Councilman Stirm-recused. Motion carried.**

- City Engineer:

Amy Woodruff says that the NPDES permit will be finalized in May and will be updating the facility plans. The test well has been completed and the water quality samples showed the water quality to be very good. The new well will only be about 50 feet deep and should produce 150 to 250 gallons per minute. Once the well has been drilled DEQ will have to come inspect and approve it. Amy will move forward to attain bids on the well drilling. Amy also provided Council with a construction cost estimate for an alternative to the gravity sewer line. This alternative would include boring under the Payette River and putting in a pump station. Amy suggests that Council continue with ITD and the gravity line, but would like a caveat written into the contract that the City can look into other options if the cost exceeds \$265,000.00. Amy will put together a spread sheet of comparison water rates for the public hearing to be held May 16, 2018.

- City Attorney:

Tony Pantera said he had tried to return a call from Valley View Chevron but no one was available at that time. He has also been working on obtaining a permanent easement on Marie Woods' property. Tony is preparing for the Judicial Confirmation public hearing to be held May 2, 2018. The agenda is to be posted as required by law. Amy is going to ask Carole Garrison of IRWA to attend also.

Public Comments:

Jon Dufresne would like to see more data to justify raising non-residential rates for water. He feels maybe the City should look into annexation of these customers.

Mayor Goff adds that the amendment to the water ordinance should include that owners keep the water bills for rentals in their name. Councilman Riley would also like to see a time line for dispute on a water bill.

Gina Elmer tells Council about a training sponsored by IRWA scheduled for May 4, 2018. The cost will be fifteen dollars per person and it is open to Councilmembers and City staff. Councilwoman Cooper made a **motion** for the City to pay for the IRWA training of five people. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor