

7:00 pm

May 16, 2018

**649th 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 Stirm made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman Stirm made a **motion** to approve the previous minutes for the April 18, 2018 meeting. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman Corvinus made a motion to approve the previous minutes for

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

Public Hearing:

Public hearing opened: 7:02pm.

Amy Woodruff, City Engineer, 422 S 9th, Caldwell, Idaho: Amy presented rate figures she calculated. These included bringing the non-resident rate up to one and a half times the resident rates as is required by ordinance. Also, the rate for multiple hookups will be changed so that the owner will be charged the monthly fee for the meter and then charged for usage after 3,000 gallons. Amy showed the difference between the current rates and the proposed new rates on multiple hookups.

Public Testimony:

Mayor Goff said that public comments will be held to a limit of three minutes as stated on the testimony sheet.

Stephen Whiteley, 123 W Boise, Horseshoe Bend, Idaho: Stephen feels that it is only fair to charge multiple hookups by their usage. He realizes that some rate increases may be necessary to maintain our water and sewer plants.

Richard Mc Dowell, 9 Smith Creek Rd, Garden Valley, Idaho: Richard just asked for clarification on the multiple hookups charges.

Jon Dufresne, 9 Wood Park PL, Horseshoe Bend, Idaho: Jon is against the rate increase for non-residents. He feels Horseshoe Bends ordinances are illegally charging for water and sewer by using a base rate. He feels that owners should be charged by usage alone and he will sue the City if necessary.

Written Testimony:

No written testimony given.

Amy Woodruff asks if there are any further questions. Councilman Stirm asked how many other cities that Amy worked with charge per gallon for water. Amy responds not many most have the same billing structure as Horseshoe Bend. The City's rates need to be \$45 to \$50 dollars per month to be eligible for grant monies. Mayor Goff adds that our rates need to be raised to maintain our plants and to save money for a catastrophic event such as a water main breaking. Councilman Riley talked to other Cities representatives and found out that most of them have the same billing structure with a base rate. Councilman Stirm asked Amy how close the City is to reaching our capacity. Amy said the City's water plant is about at capacity.

Public hearing closed: 7:37 pm.

Deliberations:

Councilman Stirm stated that it is necessary to bring the nonresident rate up so that it meets what is required by the ordinances. Mayor Goff says that nonresidents should be paying a higher rate since they do not have to pay city taxes. Councilman Corvinus had a couple questions concerning sections 7-1-8 and 7-1-9 of the ordinance. Councilman Stirm has concerns about the loss of \$15,000.00 per year if the multiple use rates are changed. There was much discussion about different ways to recoup these monies.

Councilman Corvinus made a **motion** to amend the billing of multiple connections so that they are charged the base rate by the size of their meter and pay the usage after 3,000 gallons.

Councilwoman Cooper seconded. Roll call: Councilman Riley-aye, Councilman Corvinus-aye, Councilwoman Cooper-aye, Councilman Stirm-aye. Motion carried.

Councilman Stirm made a **motion** to change nonresident rates to one and a half times the resident rates. **Councilman Corvinus seconded. Roll call: Councilman Riley-aye, Councilman Corvinus-aye, Councilwoman Cooper-aye, Councilman Stirm-aye. Motion carried.**

Mayor Goff stated that the new rates will go into effect June 1, 2018. This will give the City time to adjust the billing software to reflect the new billing rates.

New Business:

- City of Horseshoe Bend 2017 Audit:
Jared Zwycart came to explain the audit that was done on City for 2017. He also stated that the City was doing a good job. Councilwoman Cooper made a **motion** to accept the audit prepared by Millington Zwycart CPAs, PLLC. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.
- Resolution 2018-1:
Tony Pantera prepared Resolution 2018-1 for Council to adopt. This resolution is to authorize the filing of a petition for Judicial Conformation to finance upgrades to the City's sewer system. Councilman Stirm made a **motion** to adopt Resolution 2018-01. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**

Department Updates:

- EMS:
Tammy Sereduk said that three EMTs have officially passed classes and have sent paper work into the State. Four more are in training. They had nine calls last month and have been using the rental for meetings and training. Tammy has contacted CWI to see if they have any EMTs needing to run. Tammy thanked Melissa Seibel for donating a car to use for extrication training.
- Public Works:
Michele Brothers said that they had a DEQ and EPA quality assurance inspection on May 8, 2018. The City park fence has been removed and will be completed May 19, 2018. The spray truck broke down so they have to work on getting that fixed.
- City Engineer:
Amy Woodruff says that Mike Martin came out for the inspection and that it went very well. Mayor Goff thanked Amy for all her hard work.
- City Attorney:
Tony Pantera said he will have the amendments ready for the next meeting concerning the changes to the water rates and multiple connection rates.

Public Comments:

Jon Dufresne says that he feels the City is doing a good job and that he appreciates the thought Council put in to the rate changes.

Mayor Goff asked that the June meeting be moved to June 27, 2018 at 7:00pm. Council agreed to this change.

Meeting Adjourned 8:29pm.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor