

7:00 pm

July 17, 2019

**668th MEETING OF THE  
HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Pat Goff called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Cooper, Riley and White present. Also present Treasurer Terrie Nolan as acting clerk and Attorney Tony Pantera.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Councilman White made a **motion** to approve the minutes for the June 19, 2019 meeting of the City Council. Councilwoman Cooper **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

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

**New Business:**

- **Approve the Tentative Budget:** Treasurer Terrie Nolan presented the Tentative Budget to the Council. A discussion was held concerning changes that were made to incorporate the things discussed with the Council at last month's meeting and changes suggested by staff. Councilwoman Cooper **moved** to approve the Tentative Budget and to publish for a public hearing to be held next month on the budget and forgone property taxes. Councilman White **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.
- **Water/Sewer Fees Workshop:** Engineer Amy Woodruff supplied handouts to the Council regarding water rate increases for heavy users of the system. She explained that summer irrigation use is 5 times more than it is in the winter and all the water is treated and sterilized. Currently the rate after 3000 gallons is \$1.31 per thousand and Ms. Woodruff suggests that after a certain amount decided on by council (4000 gallons, 5000 gallons etc.) the rate go up to \$2.31 per 1000 gallons. There are questions from the audience about how much water a family uses in a month and will their water bills go up. Jon Dufresne asks if the water or sewer system is supported by tax dollars. Ms. Nolan answers no. Mr. Dufresne questions why outside of city rates are higher and Ms. Nolan replies that there is an ordinance that sets that price. Councilman White adds that he doesn't like to pay for water hikes either but we have never had to boil our water and the water is always there when we turn on the tap. Councilman Riley and Councilwoman Cooper think it is a good idea because we need to encourage conservation. A discussion is then held on sewer rates which are approximately 80% of water rates and about the stress the Chevron dump station puts on the system. What is dumped is not diluted and takes up the space equal to multiple homes. Dale Ortman from the audience asks if the City gives incentives for people on septic tanks to switch to City sewer. The answer is no. Jon Dufresne asks Ms. Woodruff what percentage of the water goes down the sewer. She is unsure and replies that she will have to look into it. He continues to want an answer and Councilman White asks if he wants Ms. Woodruff to guess. Mayor Goff asks Mr.

Dufresne to refrain from making derogatory remarks. Words are exchanged between the two and Mayor Goff tells Mr. Dufresne that he will be asked to leave if he doesn't quiet down. There will be another workshop on fees next month.

- **Jason Gifford – Extrication truck:** The fire district offers \$6000.00 for the City's extrication truck. The truck needs new tires, battery and fluid changes. It is a good truck but not useable to transport patients. Mr. Gifford reports that he has been made aware of an ambulance for sale for \$6000.00. It has low mileage and could be used as a backup to our current ambulance. There are questions about the cost of supplying another ambulance. A discussion is held about the mechanical problems the City ambulance is having. It has an idle problem and there are suggestions from the audience about how to fix the problem. The ambulance is out of service and because it is still under warranty there is a long process, could be two weeks. Councilman White does not think we should accept being put off for that long. Mayor Goff will call. Attorney Pantera advises to surplus the extrication truck and advertise it on the State Board of Examiners or Public Surplus.com. Councilwoman Teresa **moves** to surplus the extrication truck as it is no longer useful for City purposes. Councilman Riley **seconds**. All ayes. **Motion carried.**
- **Production Well Recommendation for Award:** Engineer Amy Woodruff – The production well packet went out to bid last month and no well drillers were interested. The bid was restructured to allow for a November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 finish date. McLeran Well Drilling was the only company who responded. Ms. Woodruff was happy with a prior job that this company did and recommends signing a contract with them. Attorney Pantera questions the advertising to which Ms. Woodruff answered that the job was solicited two times and is under \$50,000. Mike Fry from the audience asks if she is confident that it will produce good water. Ms. Woodruff replies, yes, a test well was done and tested good. Councilman Riley **moved** to accept McLeran Well Drilling's bid for a production well. Councilman White **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried.**
- **Workshop on Livestock Ordinance:** A draft ordinance is supplied to the Council and audience. A conversation and suggestions are made from the audience. Some suggestions were to have a grandfather clause, allow 4-H animals, exempt bonafide agriculture, have a permit so City personnel will know whose animals they are, make the permit affordable etc. Attorney Pantera will take the suggestions a draft another ordinance for next month.

### **Old Business:**

No old business.

### **Department Updates:**

- EMS:  
Michele Brothers: They have had 14 runs so far this month and one was a severe injury and death that has shook up the EMT's. There will be a debriefing at 6:00pm Thursday night. They are down to 1 driver and 2 EMT's and the ambulance is in the shop and out of service with mechanical problems.

- **Public Works:**  
Michele Brothers: They are trying to keep the water plant up with the demand and have been locating and installing new meters. They are helping with the Madison St. project. Highway 55 is being widened for the new bridge. A riding lawn mower was purchased from a private citizen and Ms. Brothers believes we got a good deal. The new public works position was brought up and Councilwoman Cooper would like to talk about it and be sure of the duties before it is posted.
- **City Engineer:**  
Amy Woodruff: Ms. Woodruff has nothing more to report except that they will pave Madison St. next Tuesday.
- **Attorney:**  
Tony Pantera: Mr. Pantera has nothing more to report other than he will draft another livestock ordinance.

**Public Comment:**

- Sandy Fenton would like the Payette River Ave. sign replaced after Madison St. is finished and Michele Brothers agreed.

Meeting Adjourned 8:48 pm.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**

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**Mayor**