

7:00 pm

June 14, 2023

**726th MEETING OF THE
HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Goff called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Chartier, White, and Burgess present. Also present City Attorney Tony Pantera and Clerk Gina Elmer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Burgess made a **motion** to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. Councilman White **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman White made a **motion** to approve the minutes for the May 10, 2023 meeting of the City Council. Councilwoman Burgess **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

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

Public Hearing:

Public hearing opened at 7:02pm.

Judicial Confirmation

Amy Woodruff, City Engineer: Amy started by saying that they had submitted a letter of intent for a grant to upgrade the water plant. These upgrades would be to disinfect against algal bacteria and PFAS contaminants. PFAS contaminants are of growing concern across the country and are basically plastics, Teflon coverings, and other man made products that never decompose. The Emerging Contaminants Loans Project for \$2.5 million is a loan that acts like a grant. Horseshoe Bend is listed second in priority for the \$2.5 million grant with \$2million forgiveness. This will allow the City to drill additional wells for drinking water and provide needed upgrades to the water plant. The purpose of the judicial confirmation is to give the City permission to accept the loan.

Testimony:

- Oral:
Kimberly Welsh, Highway 52- She has worked with State in the past with revolving loans and says she is in favor of the judicial confirmation.
There was no testimony in opposition.
- Written:
There was no written testimony.

Public hearing closed at 7:08pm.

New Business:

- Deliberation for Judicial Confirmation: Tony has conferred with the Bond Council and no action by the City Council can be taken for two weeks. Councilman White asked if there was any way that this would become a loan. Amy said that it would all be spelled out in a

contract between the City and DEQ. Councilwoman Burgess asks about the need for the wells. Amy states that the City has already drilled one well and needs two more which will alleviate having to pull water directly from the river. The councilwoman also asked if a new storage tank was going to be built with the grant money. Amy said no but the grant will free up local money to use for storage. Councilman Chartier asks if we will have more algae blooms in the future and what upgrades will be made to the plant. Amy answers that yes the possibility is high for another algae bloom. She states that the updates will be made to wells, disinfection, pumps and controls which will make it safer and easier for the operators to run. Amy also explains about how the loan will work and the bidding process. A special meeting will be held on June 30, 2023 at 6:00pm to hear the council's decision and appoint a new Councilmember.

- Community Health Center sign:
Kimberly Welsh says that people traveling through are not aware that there is a health clinic. They would like to put up a sign on the City Hall sign. Amy says that we may need to get permission from ITD for the sign if it is in their right of way. Gina will check with ITD and see if it can be placed there. Councilman Chartier made a **motion** to allow the sign and split the cost of it with the health center if it is permitted by ITD. Councilwoman Burgess **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.
- Quest CPA's contract:
Terrie says that it is a three year contract with the same company that completed the FY2022 audit. She also included the prices in the contract. This item has been tabled until the special meeting on June 30, 2023 for the attorney to look over the contract.
- Shelly Williamson:
Gina explains that the Williamson's wanted relief on their water bill as they had a water leak in May and have had the leak fixed. The break in their water line flooded part of their home. Gina states that the bill was over \$300.00. Included in the council's packet was a letter from Shelly Williamson asking for water bill relief. Councilman Chartier asks why they do not sue the contractor as it looks as if it was their fault. Councilman White asks if the Williamson's still lived there. Gina says that they had sold the property and moved. Councilman Chartier made a **motion** to not approve the water bill relief. Councilwoman Burgess **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Department Updates:

- EMS: Tren Long said that they had 17 runs last month and they now have four EMTs running. He realizes that they are in a transition period with ACUTE. There are two new EMTs and he can get them added to the roster and he does not know why. He says that they have heard a lot of rumors and just want to provide quality care to the community. Mayor Goff states that he has asked Rindy to set up a meeting with Acute. Rindy talked with Acute and is still waiting to hear back from them about a meeting. Mayor Goff will call and make sure the training for the new EMTs is done. He will also set up a meeting to get everyone on the same page. There was discussion about things that are happening during runs and Acute wanting to alleviate Life Flight calls. Tren feels that Life Flight is

a necessity in this area. It only takes Life Flight twelve minutes to land at the hospital from our LZ. Councilman White would like for the meeting to be recorded. Lori Lindstrom asks if there is a contract with Acute. Mayor Goff says there is just a verbal agreement.

- Public Works: Michele says it has been a busy month. They have assisted with connecting the valves to the mainline for Deer Valley subdivision. They also redid the drain for the redwood tank. They repaired a water leak and had supply chain problems.
- City Engineer: Amy has been supporting public works. She has been working with DEQ on a project at the water plant to make modifications and expand the project to help manage algae blooms and PFAS.
- Attorney: Tony states that his items were covered.
- Mayor: Mayor Goff says that he will have an email sent out listing the candidates for the councilseat.

Councilwoman Burgess made a **motion** to go into executive session at 7:46 pm pursuant to IC 704-206 1(f). Councilman Chartier **seconded**. **Roll call: Councilman White-aye, Councilwoman Burgess-aye, and Councilman Chartier-aye. Motion carried.** Legal advised Council on pending litigation.

Out of executive session at 8:14pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor