

SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 12, 2022

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN A SPECIAL MEETING ON JULY 12*, 2022, AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 121 EAST HIGH STREET, POTOSI, MISSOURI.

CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT PRESIDING CALLED THE SPECIAL WORKSESSION TO ORDER AT 9:35 A.M.

ROLL CALL

MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT PRESIDING BEGAN WITH TAKING OF ROLL CALL. THOSE PRESENT WERE AS FOLLOWS: MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT, ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN, ALDERMAN ELMER AKERS ALDERWOMAN MARY PAT WEST, ALDERMAN JAMES HARVEY AND CITY CLERK BRENDA SMITH.

GUEST

UTILITY CLERK TIFFANY CAIN, CFO DEBBIE JACOBSEN, CITY ATTORNEY RIC HARRIS, CITY ENGINEER JEFF MEADOWS.

APPROVE AGENDA

ALDERWOMAN MARY PAT WEST MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS.

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WWTP#3 DISCUSSION:

MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT ASKED ENGINEER JEFF MEADOWS TO START OFF. JEFF MEADOWS STATED THIS HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, PERTAINING TO THE ISSUES AT THE WWTP#3. RECENT HISTORY IS THAT REGGIE ROWE FROM THE IDA HAS GOTTEN INVOLVED TO TRY TO HELP REACH A RESOLUTION ON THE MATTER. THE QUESTION IS WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF THE PLANT AND IS IT A MONEY PIT. THE CITY ENTERED INTO AN MOU A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WHERE WE DO AN EVALUATION OF THE PLANT TO HELP BRING IT UP TO SPEED AND IDENTIFY WHAT THE COST WOULD BE. THE OTHER DISCUSSION POINT IS, IT DOESN'T CASH FLOW TODAY. THE REVENUE'S THAT

PLANT THREE WAS BRINGING IN WAS ONLY ENOUGH TO PAY FOR THE POWER, THE CHEMICALS, THE STRAIGHT OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE. NO ADDITIONAL FOR THE LABOR THAT IS BEING USED. THE BIG THING PER JEFF MEADOWS WAS THERE WASN'T ENOUGH MONEY SET ASIDE FOR REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT. WHICH IS WHY AN EVALUATION NEEDS DONE TO SEE WHAT ALL NEEDS DONE TO BRING THE PLANT UP TO PAR.

MAYOR BLOUNT ASKED IF A LOT OF THE EQUIPMENT HAS SAT FOR TEN YEARS, JEFF MEADOWS STATED YES, THEY STARTED CONSTRUCTION IN 2002 TIMEFRAME AND THEN STOPPED CONSTRUCTION UNTIL WE CAME IN IN 2012/2013. WHICH IS WHEN THE PLANT WAS STARTED UP AND STARTED TAKING ON WASTEWATER.

JEFF MEADOWS STATED WE WOULD HAVE TO ASK THE IDA IF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MINERAL POINT AND THE IDA OFFICE IS ASSIGNABLE, BEFORE WE COULD CONSIDER TAKING IT OVER.

CITY ATTORNEY RIC HARRIS STATED THE WATER SYSTEM/SEWER SYSTEM IN MINERAL POINT IS DEPLURABLE, MR. HARTMAN FROM USDA IS CONCERNED BECAUSE PAYMENTS AREN'T BEING MADE. HALF THE PEOPLE'S SEWERS AREN'T WORKING AND FLOWING OUT ONTO THE GROUND. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT OWE \$5000-\$6000 PER HOME ON THE BILLS THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN COLLECTED. USDA SAID THEY ARE WILLING TO HELP REDO THE SYSTEM WITH GRANTS BUT WOULD NEED SOME PLANNING INVOLVED. RIC HARRIS STATES THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS TALKING ABOUT LAWSUITS, AND FINES.

JEFF MEADOWS STATES THE TREATMENT PLANT NUMBER THREE IS UNDERLOADED AT A CAPACITY OF TWENTY SOMETHING THOUSAND GALLONS, IN A TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND GALLONS A DAY PLANT.

JEFF MEADOWS STATES THE INDIVIDUAL PUMPS OF THE HOMEOWNERS ARE FAILING AND NOT BEING MAINTAINED.

ALDERWOMAN MARY PAT WEST ASKED IF TREATMENT PLANT THREE COULD RUN WITHOUT MINERAL POINT SEWAGE, AND JEFF MEADOWS STATED IT WOULD MAKE IT MUCH HARDER AS WE ARE HAULING SLUDGE FROM PLANT ONE AND TWO TO KEEP IT GOING.

MAYOR BLOUNT ASKED IF THE DEVELOPMENT BY JV CONTRACTING WOULD HELP KEEP UP IF MINERAL POINT WEREN'T CONNECTED. JEFF MEADOWS STATED HE WASN'T SURE OF THAT.

CFO DEBBIE JACOBSEN ASKED IF THE CITY COULD ACCEPT THE PLANT WITH THE EXCLUSION OF TAKING THE CONTRACT FROM MINERAL POINT AND THE IDA. CITY ATTORNEY RIC HARRIS STATED IT WAS BUILT IN THE CONTRACT THAT THE IDA WANTED THE CITY TO TAKE OVER.

CFO DEBBIE JACOBSEN STATED THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH NON-PAYMENTS TO THE IDA PER WATER SUPERVISOR DAVE DOUGLAS, BUT THE IDA HAS NEVER CONTACTED THE CITY TO LET THEM KNOW OF ANYTHING.

MAYOR BLOUNT ASKED WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE. JEFF MEADOWS ASKED ATTORNEY RIC HARRIS IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO PUT IT BACK ON THE IDA AND

SAY YOU ARE OUR CUSTOMER AND IT'S UP TO YOU TO COLLECT FROM THE CUSTOMER. RIC HARRIS STATED HE LOOKED THROUGH THE CONTRACT AGAIN, AND IT IS ASSIGNABLE. RIC HARRIS STATED HE FELT IT WAS A HUGE LIABILITY TO TAKE THIS OVER AS IS.

MAYOR BLOUNT STATED JEFF BENSON, A TREATMENT PLANT EMPLOYEE, IS RUNNING HIS OWN BUSINESS OUT OF MINERAL POINT PER MINERAL POINT CUSTOMERS.

MAYOR BLOUNT STATED IF WE DIDN'T GET A BIG INFLUX OF USERS, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SELF SUSTAIN AT TREATMENT PLANT THREE.

JEFF MEADOWS, CITY ENGINEER, STATED WE WOULD NEED TO GENERATE ANOTHER \$30,000- \$40,000 PER YEAR TO FUND THE REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS.

MAYOR BLOUNT ASKED IF WE DID NOT ACCEPT THE SEWAGE WE OFFER, CAN THEY TAKE AWAY THE CITY OF POTOSI BEING ABLE TO DUMP.

JEFF MEADOWS STATED HE DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS A DIFFERENT PLACE TO TAKE MINERAL POINT. HE STATED IT WAS THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE PLACE TO TAKE THE SEWAGE, AND THAT IF WE DENIED THEM THE RIGHT TO DUMP, WE WOULD BE AT FAULT OF POLUTING THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAYOR BLOUNT ASKED CITY ATTORNEY RIC HARRIS TO TYPE SOMETHING UP TO SEND TO THE IDA OFFICE AND SEE WHAT THEIR REBUTTAL WOULD BE. PERTAINING TO NEW INFORMATION OF NOT KNOWING THE FULL EXTENT OF THE CONDITION OF MINERAL POINT SEWER AND WATER SYSTEM.

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION, ALDERMAN ELMER AKERS SECONDED TO COUNTEROFFER TO THE IDA THAT WE ARE HESITATANT TO DO ANYTHING PROVIDED THE NEW INFORMATION RECIVED ABOUT MINERAL POINT SEWER AND WATER SYSEM CONDITION. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

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WWTP#2 DISCUSSION:

MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT HAD DISCUSSION ON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TWO - COST SHARE ARPA.

CITY ENGINEER JEFF MEADOWS STATED THEY HAD WENT BACK THROUGH FOR A COST ESTIMATE FROM THE PRIOR WEEK AND MADE SOME ADJUSTMENTS TO BRING THE PROJECTS TO \$5,000,000.00 GRANT PLUS THE \$1,000,000.00 MATCH FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION.

CFO DEBBIE JACOBSEN STATED IT WAS DISCUSSED FOR THE CITY TO MATCH \$1,000,000, AND WE HAVE IT AVAILABLE IN THE PRISON RESERVE.

CITY ENGINEER JEFF MEADOWS STATED THE MILLION DOLLAR MATCH WOULD GET US THE MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THE GRANT.

MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT STATED WE WOULD APPLY FOR THE GRANT WITH THE CITY MATCH OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND WOULD HEAR RESULTS IN OR AROUND OCTOBER 2022.

CITY ENGINEER JEFF MEADOWS STATED WE WOULD BE SUBMITTING ON A SIMILAR GRANT FOR THE DRINKING SYSTEM. DUE TO SOME SMALL DIAMETER/ GALVANIZED LINES IN AND AROUND THE CITY OF POTOSI THAT IS IN POOR CONDITION AND RECOMMENDED TO BE REPLACED. THAT GRANT WOULD BE A MAXIMUM OF \$5,000,000.00.

CFO DEBBIE JACOBSEN STATED WE COULD PROBABLY PULL ABOUT \$400,000.00 TO \$500,000.00 OUT OF PRISON RESERVE TO MATCH FOR THE GRANT.

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DECIDED TO VOTE ON THE GRANT AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 6 PM 7-12-22 FOR THE MILLION DOLLAR SHARE MATCH.

PER CITY ENGINEER JEFF MEADOWS, IF THE GRANT ISN'T APPROVED, WE WILL COME UP WITH A CONTINGENCY PLAN.

ADJOURNMENT

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERWOMAN MARY PAT WEST SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

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BEING THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT DECLARED THE SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED.



JOSEPH BLOUNT, MAYOR

ATTEST:


BRENDA SMITH, CITY CLERK