

The Terry Town Council held a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comment on the proposed sewer rate increases. The following people were in attendance: Council Members Cindy Bond, Caryn Rein, Peter Leyva, and Brad Eaton (arrived at 5:37p.m.), Public Works Director James Schilling, Robie Culver (Stahly Engineering), and Clerk Lynn Schilling. Mayor Rolane Christofferson presided over the meeting. Members from the public present were Michael O'Neill, David and Lucille Covert, Tom and Joy Magalsky, Megan Pirtz, Brad Culver, and Renee Pirtz (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

Mayor Rolane Christofferson provided some history on the sewer system as well as an overview of the sewer improvement projects and asked if anyone had public comment.

Robie Culver (Stahly Engineering) stated that the overall cost of the Phase 1 of the project of replacing the sewer collection main is \$905,000. The Town was awarded a grant from the DNRC RRGL program which can be utilized for the Phase 1, in the amount of \$81,000, with the rest of the funds being borrowed through the SRF loan program at 2.5% for 20 years. The Town was also recently informed that \$164,000 of the loan dollars will be forgiven which is essentially an additional grant.

The following comments were made:

Informally, Megan Pirtz inquired as to what Phase 2 of the project entails. Robie Culver discussed the anticipated cost and possible need for further rate increases and Mayor Rolane Christofferson explained that a third cell is needed along with updated infrastructure at the existing lagoons. Tom Magalsky asked what is being done to address the clean water infiltration issue. Mayor Rolane Christofferson stated that phase 1 of the project is part of that process, as well as addressing any other known areas. Renee Pirtz inquired if the town had attempted to get any grants to assist with the projects. Robie Culver explained the financing of the projects. Renee Pirtz further inquired as to what would be seen with the projects and if and when the final rate increase is planned. Mayor Rolane Christofferson discussed the projects—specifically how the sewer main replacement project would be commencing within the next month or two and the sewer rate increases that are being implemented in the next two years. The possibility of an additional increase related to the projects is pending the outcome of the phase 1 project on the infiltration, and the finalization of the financial package for the second phase.

The public hearing adjourned into the regular scheduled July Town Council Meeting.

ATTEST;

Lynn Schilling, Clerk

Rolane Christofferson, Mayor