

The Terry Town Council met in special session for the purpose of receiving an update on the Wastewater Treatment project and working on the budget for 2016-17. The following persons were in attendance: Council members Cindy Bond, Caryn Rein, Brad Eaton, Tim Richards and Clerk Lynn Schilling. Also present were Jason Rittal and Elizabeth Smith (EPEDC), Ryan Rittal (Stahly Engineering), Prairie County Commissioner Dennis Teske, Bob Brubaker and Margie Brubaker. Mayor Rolane Christofferson presided over the meeting.

Mayor Rolane Christofferson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ryan Rittal (Stahly Engineering) presented to Council handouts detailing the flow monitoring results of the wastewater entering the lagoons from the past month. The data shows that two-thirds of the flow entering the lagoons is from groundwater and/or infiltration. He stated that an approximate average residential use would result in 45 gallons per minute (GPM) but the Town's flows measured between 70-115 GPM ninety-nine percent of the time. He stated that the increased flow of "clean" water into the lagoons presents a couple of problems for the Town. The immediate problem is that the Wastewater Treatment system would need to be designed to a much larger capacity than what a town of 600 people would typically need, resulting in a greater expense. The other problem is with the upcoming MTDEQ discharge permit requirement in regards to "percent removal." He explained that it would be incredibly difficult for the Wastewater Operator to obtain the "percent removal" required to meet those permit standards with an excess of clean water entering the system. At this time, Ryan Rittal stated that his recommendation would be for the Town to delay the project one (1) year while Town officials and staff work to address the clean water/infiltration. Ryan Rittal offered his firm's assistance in providing information to the community as well as assisting in identifying problems and researching solutions to the infiltration. Council Member Brad Eaton asked if postponing the project would jeopardize any of the Town's grants. Jason Rittal (EPEDC) stated that it would not affect the grants awarded to the Town. Council Member Tim Richards asked if Stahly Engineering would continue to do flow monitoring—Ryan Rittal stated that they would.

Prairie County Commissioner Dennis Teske discussed the joint ownership of a well in town. Prairie County owns the land and building, and the Town of Terry owns the well and water right. Prairie County Commissioner Dennis Teske asked the Council to consider either transferring the water right and well ownership to Prairie County or stated that Prairie County would like to give the land and building to the Town. Mayor Rolane Christofferson stated that the Town would not likely transfer the water right. Mayor Rolane Christofferson inquired as to what the amounts were in the bids for repairs on the building. Prairie County Commissioner Dennis Teske stated that two (2) bids were received between \$3,000 and \$6,000.

The Council began reviewing previous years' expenditures and establishing expenditure line item amounts for the upcoming budget year.

Having no further comment, questions, or public comment the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm. (Rein/Bond)

ATTEST:

Lynn Schilling, Clerk

Rolane Christofferson, Mayor