

**CITY OF OSBORN, MISSOURI
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

Mayor David E. Meek declared meeting open at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call of council persons:

Present – Alderman Jeff McCartney, Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Donna Magness
Alderman Carlena Bradford – By Phone
Alderman Jeremiah Lopez

Absent – Mayor David E. Meek

Also present:

City Clerk - Jody Barlow
Ed Proctor, City Attorney
Stan Wolfe, USDA

Citizens: Jana and Ferren Gibson

Agenda:

Bond Closing:

Sewer Project:

- A. USDA Rural Development Final Bond Closing for Phase 2 Sewer System Improvements

Consent Agenda:

- A. October 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Authorization of Bills

Reports:

- A. City Clerk Report
- B. Water Report

Old Business:

- A. Sewer Project
- B. Emergency Notifications

New Business:

- A. Water/Sewer Department Open Position
- B. Water and Sewer Rates
- C. Health Insurance
- D. Alderman Comments

It was moved by Alderman Lopez, second by Alderman Magness to accept & approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment:

Jana and Ferren Gibson were present to discuss their concerns with the amount of farm animals that citizens can have on their property inside of the city limits. After some discussion the Board would like for the City Clerk to look into regulations.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Alderman Magness, second by Alderman Lopez to approve the consent agenda which contained the minutes from the October 11, 2017 board meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Bills:

A list of bills was presented for approval and payment for the month of November 2017. It was moved by Alderman Magness, second by Alderman Lopez to approve the list of bills for November 2017 as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

City Clerk Report:

The City Clerk read the financial statement for the month of October 2017.

Water Report:

The City Clerk reported that David E. Meek's water meter was inspected, and it is reading accurately.

BOND CLOSING:

Sewer Project

Authorize Mayor to Execute and Sign Bond

The City Attorney requested that the Board make a motion for the Mayor to execute all documents related to the \$361,400 bond for the first phase completion of the sewer project. A motion was made by Alderman Magness, second by Alderman Lopez to authorize the Mayor to execute all documents related to the \$361,400 bond.

Gilmore & Bell, USDA Rural Development Final Closing Documents for \$361,400 Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bond Series C

The Mayor and City Clerk executed the final closing certificate, questionnaire, federal tax certificate and receipt for bond and representation.

Old Business:

Sewer Project:

The Clerk informed the Board that the engineer is working on bid specs. to proceed with phase 3 without UV filtration.

Emergency Notifications:

The City Clerk presented information to the Board about signing up for emergency text/call notifications through the County. The cost would be \$1000 per year. The Board would like to table this issue.

New Business:

Water/Sewer Department – Open Position:

The City Clerk presented multiple applications to the Board to review. After some discussion, the Board decided to wait to see if more applications were turned in before making any decisions.

Water and Sewer Rates:

Per continued compliance with our loans through United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, and an overall increase in operating costs associated with the water and sewer department, the Board will have to raise your water and sewer rates. Another factor in determining the sewer rate increase is having to start repayment of the USDA loans for the sewer project. The last water rate increase was in 2011 and the last sewer rate increase was in 2013.

The new proposed water rates are as follows:

1st 1,000 Gallons \$22.50

Each 1,000 after \$ 8.75

The new proposed sewer rates are as follows:

1st 1,000 Gallons \$26.00

Each 1,000 after \$7.25

The new proposed rates will go into effect on your January 1, 2018 billing. A motion was made by Alderman Magness, second by Alderman Lopez to pass the proposed water and sewer rate increase subject to compliance with state laws. Motion passed 3-0. There is a need to have a public hearing. There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall.

Health Insurance:

The City Clerk presented the health insurance quotes for 2018. Mayor Pro Tem McCartney thinks the City should provide the current plan. Alderman Magness thinks the City should save money and go with a high deductible plan. Alderman Lopez thinks the City should do away with providing health insurance. Alderman Bradford thinks the City

should provide the current plan. A motion was made by Alderman Bradford to continue providing health insurance at the current plan level, second by Alderman McCartney. 2-2 resulting in a tie vote. Mayor Pro Tem McCartney voted to break the tie. Motion passed 3-2.

Alderman Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem McCartney would like the cost analysis to start purchasing water from the water district full time. The City Clerk will work on this and present the information as it is available.

Discussion was made about including the Mayor Pro Tem as a code enforcer. A motion was made by Alderman Magness, second by Alderman Lopez to include the Mayor Pro Tem as a code enforcer. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourn:

As no other business was presented, Alderman Lopez moved, second by Alderman Magness to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff McCartney

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody Barlow, City Clerk