



City of Sidney, MT
Water and Sewer Committee Meeting 2-11-25
February 11, 2025 5:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE |Sidney, MT 59270

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Alderman Present: Godfrey, DiFonzo and Christensen (via phone)

Other's Present: Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Water Commissioner Elletson, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Schmierer, Jordan Mayer (Interstate Engineering)

1. New Business

Alderwoman Godfrey called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

a. North Park Elevated Water Tower Replacement Project-Draft Budget Update and Project Schedule Update

Jordan Mayer stated the SRF loan amount of \$6 million dollars is to be expected for the economic inflation with prices continuing to go up. Preliminary estimates in 2020 were closer to \$3.3 million. Mr. Mayer advised that the council may want to consider a rate increase in the next year or two. The rate increase will not affect the SRF loan. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated that the city has been pro-active with rate increases to cover current projects but sees a need to look further out for long term infrastructure needs and replacement. Mr. Mayer concurred, stating that rate increases are best implemented in January while water usage is at a minimum. PWD Hintz reported that the last wastewater rate increase was in 2019. The city is waiting for an engineer report on a proposed lagoon project. Once PWD Hintz receives the report, he will send it to the EPA for approval. The EPA approval should be received this fall, proposing a wastewater rate increase after.

Jordan Mayer stated that opening bids for the tank are planed for March 20th and the city would have a better understanding of cost after to make any rate increase plans.

b. North Park Elevated Water Tower Replacement Project-Logo for side of water tower

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin presented a few water tower city graphics and font ideas. PWD Hintz stated he would like to keep the graphics simple like we currently have, with just the word Sidney. Currently the graphics are on the west side of the tower, discussion was made on if that was

adequate. Jordan Mayer stated that the canvas will be approximately 30 feet by 50 feet and cost depends on design and how often the tower needs repainting, labor being the biggest expense.

Committee consensus was adding the North Park Elevated Water Tower Replacement Project-Logo for side of water tower to the Tuesday, February 18th council meeting to have all council members involved.

Alderwoman Godfrey closed the meeting at 5:53pm.