

CITY OF GILLETT
UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 21, 2015
Immediately following CDA

Aldersperson Mohr called the meeting to order. Present were Alderspersons Nanette Mohr, Deb Erickson, Marilyn Mueller, and Terry Nelson, committee member Ruth Spang and Louie Danielson, Mayor Irene Drake, Utility Department Head Ron Anderson, and Clerk Beth Rank. Pecha was excused.

Roll was taken and the open meeting law had been complied with.

Public Input: Rank informed the committee that the City is now using a text message system to remind committee members of upcoming meetings. The committee members were encouraged to join.

Motion by Spang, second by Nelson to approve the minutes from September 3, 2015, motion carried.

Motion by Danielson, second by Spang to accept the Utility Financial Report, motion carried. The septage receiving income was also looked at.

Discussion was had on the 2016 Utility budget.

Discussion was had on the sewer rates. The City has failing sewers. They are going to have to raise sewer rates to cover the loan/grant funding. The rates would have to go up \$15. This would be done over a two year period. Anderson's idea was to raise the sewer rehab fee. It would be a fixed rate. If tacked onto the usage, it is not a guaranteed income. Anderson suggested increasing sewer rehab by \$5 in 2016 and increasing the sewer base the following year. There would need to be a public meeting beforehand. Motion by Danielson, second by Spang to accept the proposal to increase the rehabilitation fund in 2016 by \$5 with step increments in 2017 and 2018, motion carried on a roll call vote.

Discussion was had on the Clean Water Fund Application. The DNR has received it and accepted the application.

Next meeting is set for November 17, 2015. The Public Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm with the Utility meeting immediately after.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Beth Rank, Clerk