

CITY OF GILLETT
UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 1, 2015

Aldersperson Mohr called the meeting to order immediately following the Public Works meeting. Present were Alderspersons Nanette Mohr, William Pecha, and Terry Nelson, committee member Ruth Spang, Mayor Irene Drake, Utility Department Head Ron Anderson, and Clerk Beth Rank. Public present was Sarah Nunn.

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

Public Input: None

Motion by Spang, second by Pecha to approve the minutes from June 22, 2015, motion carried.

Motion by Spang, second by Pecha to approve the utility financial report, motion carried.

Motion by Pecha, second by Spang to approve the building plans for St. John the Evangelist Parish, motion carried.

Discussion was had on the sewer projects. The Utility is eligible for up to a \$700,000 grant. The sewer loan would be \$2.3 million without the grant and \$1.6 million with the grant. The sewers that would be done would be S 22 (from Christy Brook to N Harding), Birch (from S 22 to Ridgewood), 1st St (from Garden Ave to Cty BB), Orchard Circle, Cty BB (from S 22 to Barke). Anderson would like to do water and sewer at the same time but doesn't feel the Utility is in that position at this time. If the grant is applied for now, the Utility would be looking at a 2017 construction date. This will increase sewer rates approximately \$15.00 per user. Engineering costs would be \$42,000 with an additional \$5,000 for the loan application. The preliminary design would be good for many years. Motion by Nelson, second by Pecha to approve the engineering fee of \$42,000 for the preliminary sanitary sewer design and the clean water loan application for \$5,000, motion carried on a roll call vote.

Discussion was had on increasing sewer rates. Rates will need to go up by approximately \$15.00 per user to cover a loan payment of \$106,000 per year. Rates were last increased in 2013. Sewer rates will be looked at more closely at a different meeting.

Discussion was had on water rates. The PSC preliminary numbers are that the water rates will be increasing 40%. Should know more by the middle of September.

Discussion was had on the safety program. Drake will look into this further.

Next meeting is set for September 3, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Beth Rank, Clerk