



CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED SEWER RATES
COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Public Hearing – Proposed Sewer Rates

Mayor Galliher called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Administrator, Gary Edwards, stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to allow any public comments regarding increasing the City’s residential, commercial and industrial wastewater sewer rates to finance the costs to make continued improvements to the City’s wastewater sewer system. This is the first of two steps to accomplish the proposed increase and if there are no objections presented, the City Council will proceed with the wastewater sewer rate increase.

Mike Milius, with Olsson Associates, presented a brief history regarding the wastewater issues and the Administrative Order of Consent from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The first phase of the consent order was \$30 million in estimated improvements and required disinfection at the Central and Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plants. All improvements must be completed by July 31, 2016.

The City’s wastewater sewer system will need continuous improvements and continued funding for improvements. Along with the improvements the option of consolidating the City’s three wastewater treatments plants while continuing to maintain capacity for the future is being looked at and will cost an estimated \$50 million to complete.

Finance Director, Kelvin Shaw, presented a brief history and overview of the financial needs for the wastewater sewer service. The recommended changes are to eliminate dependence on sales tax income with a goal of no transfers from the Capital Improvements Fund after 2019 for operating expenses. Currently the approach to expenses is \$500,000.00 for operation with a goal of growing Capital Expenditures to cover the replacement of the system to \$1.5 million per year which is based on 100 year replacement program (1% per year).

In 1989, the City Council brought before the voters a ¼ cent sales tax for capital improvements for 6 years and outlined specific items that would be addressed by the tax (passed). In 1995, voters approved an extension of the tax through 2005; and in 2005, the tax was extended to 2026.

Sewer Rate Change History:

Date	Fixed Charge Month		Commodity Charge/1,000 gal	Minimum Charge for 1 st 1,000 gal used		% Increase
	Inside City	Outside City		Inside City	Outside City	
11/15/1999	\$1.94	\$6.00	\$1.77	\$3.71	\$7.77	
12/18/2000	\$2.02	\$6.10	\$1.86	\$3.88	\$7.96	3.2%
12/17/2001	\$2.10	\$6.20	\$1.95	\$4.05	\$8.15	4.4%
12/16/2002	\$2.12	\$6.25	\$1.98	\$4.10	\$8.23	1.2%
04/05/2004	\$2.15	\$6.35	\$2.01	\$4.16	\$8.36	1.5%
12/05/2010	\$8.00	\$20.00	\$3.95	\$11.95	\$23.95	187.2%

The proposed increase for 2015 will keep up with inflation and will provide the funds for the sewer system to keep up with repairs and improvements.

	Current Monthly Base Rate	Proposed Monthly Base Rate	Current Monthly Volume Rate Per 1000 Gallons	Proposed Monthly Volume Rate per 1000 Gallons
Residential Inside City Limits	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$3.95	up to \$4.65
Residential Outside City Limits	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$3.95	up to \$4.65
Commercial Inside City Limits	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$3.95	up to \$4.65
Commercial Outside City Limits	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$3.95	up to \$4.65
Industrial Inside City Limits	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$3.95	up to \$4.65
Industrial Outside City Limits	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$3.95	up to \$4.65

Jim Condon, with Olsson Associates, stated that the monthly rates will remain the same; the current charge of \$3.95 per 1000 gallons will increase to \$4.65; average impact to the consumer will be \$2.77 per user. The sewer usage rates will be revisited next year to continue increases to minimize dependence upon sales tax dollars. In the future it is recommended that the sewer rates have consecutive gradual increases with the goal of minimizing Sales Tax dependency after 2019.

With no public comments, the public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

Council Meeting

The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 7:20 p.m. at the Municipal Building with Mayor Stephen J. Galliher presiding. Mayor Galliher called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Collins.

ROLL CALL:

James Cunningham	Present	Donald Meier	Present
Jo Lynn Turley	Present	Bob Cross	Present
Russell Driskell	Present	Tolbert Rowe	Present
Bonita Nash	Present	Vicky Collins	Present

SERVICE AWARDS:

10 Year Service Pin	Traves Williams, Public Works Equipment Operator – Street Department
5 Year Service Pin	Preston Hesselbacher, Police Officer – Police Department

SPECIAL AWARDS: August 2015 Yard of the Month Contest Winners:

Mayor Galliher announced the Winners for the August 2015 Yard of the Month Contest who received a certificate and a yard of the month sign to display in their yard. The grand prize winner also received an additional \$25 gift card to Center for Human Services Bloomin’ Gardens.

- 1st Ward – Jerry Ann Mayfield, 2003 W. Broadway
- 2nd Ward – Judy Petrie, 915 E. Broadway
- 3rd Ward – Tom and Dyana Cunningham, 2300 S. Engineer
- 4th Ward/Grand Prize – Bobbie Dean Barker, 3000 Brandon Avenue

MINUTES:

The following minutes were approved on motion by Meier, seconded by Driskell. All in favor.

- Pre-Council Meeting August 17, 2015
- Regular Council Meeting August 17, 2015
- Tax Rate Hearing and Special Council Meeting August 24, 2015

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None.

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PUBLIC SAFETY – RUSSELL DRISKELL, CHAIRMAN – No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS – TOLBERT ROWE, CHAIRMAN

Approved purchase of a new Mower & Bagger for use at the Cemetery from Otten Small Engine, Sedalia, MO in the amount of \$5,463.40 on motion by Nash, seconded by Meier. All in favor.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – JAMES CUNNINGHAM, CHAIRMAN

Accepted FY 2014-2015 Audit Results as presented by Gerding, Korte & Chitwood on motion by Driskell, seconded by Nash. All in favor.

Approved Records Destruction Request from the Personnel Department on motion by Rowe, seconded by Nash. All in favor.

Approved purchase of additional server storage from Buyboard (Storage Networks, Westford, MA: #3 bid) in the amount of \$37,690.00 on motion by Meier, seconded by Turley. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2015 – 112, ORDINANCE NO. 10363 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 60-219 (d) OF ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 60 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI RELATING TO THE SEWER USE CHARGE SYSTEM AND INCORPORATING SAID FEES INTO THE CITY’S FEE SCHEDULE was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Rowe, 2nd by Nash. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Rowe, 2nd by Driskell. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Cunningham, Turley, Driskell, Nash, Meier, Cross, Rowe and Collins. No one voted “No”.

BILL NO. 2015 – 113, ORDINANCE NO. 10364 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN EXISTING UTILITY EASEMENT TO WATERLOO INDUSTRIES, INC. FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1500 WATERLOO ROAD, SEDALIA, MISSOURI was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Nash, 2nd by Cunningham. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Cunningham, 2nd by Nash. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Cunningham, Turley, Driskell, Nash, Meier, Cross, Rowe and Collins. No one voted “No”.

BILL NO. 2015 – 114, ORDINANCE NO. 10365 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10356 REGARDING A REZONING APPLICATION BY CONNIE L. KOERING, TRUSTEE OF THE JANICE COLLINS LIVING TRUST, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 704 SOUTH MONTGOMERY AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Cross, 2nd by Driskell. All in favor.

Prior to second reading Councilman Turley commented that it was her understanding that the ordinance to be amended did not cover what was needed in the rezoning and asked Ms. Koering for clarification. Ms. Koering stated that the original ordinance contained a restriction which required the property only be used for storage of equipment for a lawn mowing business. City Attorney, Anne Gardner, stated that the request was for C-3 zoning, and that the ordinance was originally written for that with the restriction of the storage of lawn mowing equipment and the amendment will change this to any storage facility.

Final Passage – Motion by Cross, 2nd by Driskell. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Cunningham, Turley, Driskell, Nash, Meier, Cross, Rowe and Collins. No one voted “No”.

BILL NO. 2015 – 115, ORDINANCE NO. 10366 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND THE PETTIS COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT REGARDING A PROPOSED TIF DISTRICT was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Driskell, 2nd by Meier. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Nash, 2nd by Driskell. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Cunningham, Turley, Driskell, Nash, Meier, Cross, Rowe and Collins. No one voted “No”.

BILL NO. 2015 – 116, ORDINANCE NO. 10367 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A REZONING APPLICATION BY SURE COAT, L.L.C, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1505 NORTH OHIO AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Rowe, 2nd by Cross. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Turley, 2nd by Cunningham. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Cunningham, Turley, Driskell, Nash, Meier, Cross, Rowe and Collins. No one voted “No”.

APPOINTMENTS:

The following Board Appointment by Mayor Galliher was approved on motion by Cross, seconded by Meier. All in favor.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMISSION:

Appoint Ron Ditzfeld, P.O. Box 24, 4-year term expiring July 2019.

BIDS: None.

LIQUOR LICENSES:

The following Renewal Liquor License was read and approved on motion by Meier, seconded by Nash. All in favor.

- Patel Dhara dba Quick Stop, 1515 Thompson Blvd.– Packaged Liquor with Sunday Sales

DEPARTMENT BILLS thru September 8, 2015 totaling \$881,855.76 were approved for payment on motion by Driskell, seconded by Nash. All in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR: None.

GOOD & WELFARE: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to a Closed-Door Session in accordance with Section 610.021(1) RSMo for Legal Advice on motion by Meier, seconded by Driskell. All in favor

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Stephen J. Galliher, Mayor

Jason S. Myers, Deputy City Clerk

