

Mayor David Sims called the special council meeting of August 6, 2018 to order at 5:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Adam Arthur, Valerie Thompson, and Ron Smith. Also present were: City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Engineer Mike Klaus, and Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair.

The group discussed the Water/Sewer department wages. Mike said at the time this was discussed, he did not intend for the \$.44 base wage increase to apply to the rest of the water/sewer department employees, he was just trying to hire new employees. Lisa said she will work on a matrix for every department. Adam is concerned with the \$2.00 per hour starting increase that was in the motion. Adam moved to increase the matrix \$.44 and remove the ability to increase the base wage by \$2.00 per hour, effective August 6, 2018. Valerie seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The proposed fiscal year 2019 budget was reviewed.

Mayor Sims said when Lisa and Christine were appointed to their new positions, they were told their wages would be increased and that is not reflected in this budget. Mayor Sims said both, Lisa and Christine should be given a raise. Ron moved to increase Lisa and Christine's wages by ten percent total, effective October 1, 2018. Adam seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ron – yes, Valerie – yes and Adam – yes.

Mayor Sims said the approximate electric rate increase will be 12%. Ron asked if the electric fund has the rate increases figured into it for FY2019. Mayor Sims said it does.

Mayor Sims said the five percent rate increase for water is in the budget for FY 2019. Mike said the water capital list for FY2019 includes: \$25,000 for distribution improvements, a generator for the clarifier room and one for the south hill booster, approximately \$20,000 for meter replacement, \$15,000 for scada improvements, and repairs to filter bed #2 under drain system. Mayor Sims asked when the new well will be online. Mike said hopefully by next spring. Mike said we will do most of the work on the well house. Mike said the plan is to use concrete masonry units. Mayor Sims asked what all the \$125,000 includes. Mike said it includes the electrical, the structure, the pump and motor. The well will be drilled this year and the well house will be built next year. Adam said the water fund is looking better than it has for a while.

Mayor Sims said the 15% rate increase for sewer is in the budget for FY2019. Mike said the sewer capital list for FY2019 includes: a used pickup. Mayor Sims suggested asking the police about purchasing one of their pickups for the sewer department. Mike said a generator for lift station #1 is on the capital list, \$15,000 for scada improvements, \$50,000 for line improvements. Mayor Sims said he wants to add a generator for lift station #2 for this budget also.

Mayor Sims said there has not been a garbage rate increase for a while. He said we should look at the contract. Mayor Sims is interested in putting dumpsters in neighborhoods during cleanup week. Valerie thinks it is a good idea to have service groups involved with the cleanup.

Council requested the Clerk make the discussed adjustments to the budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.