Mayor David Sims called the Special Council meeting of September 18, 2018 to order at 5:30 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council President Rick Alonzo, 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. Members of the public present were: Ed Ernst.

City Administrator Lisa Ailport said JUB presented an amount for construction observation for the Sewer Forcemain Bridge Project of $90.00 - $110.00 per hour. Lisa Ailport said the typical range an in house employee would be paid is $30.00 - $36.00 per hour. John Youngwirth showed an interest in being the construction observer and has done some training for this job. The pay will be related to the Sewer Forcemain Bridge Project only. 

Rick Alonzo asked how many hours John will be doing this job. Mike Klaus said approximately 20 – 30 more working days. Mayor Sims asked what Jim Fritzsche was paid for the Augusta Street Project. Mike Klaus said $30.00 per hour. Mayor Sims asked if John Youngwirth will be paid out of the sewer fund. Mike Klaus said the whole project will come out of the sewer fund. Ron Smith asked if the construction observer is not covered under the grant. Mayor Sims said there is about a 50% match. Valerie Thompson asked how this will affect the cost of the project. Mike Klaus said it is within the budget. Mayor Sims said John Youngwirth will provide 40 hours for less than the cost of 16 hours from JUB. Mike Klaus said JUB will still have 16 hours a week on the project in addition to John Youngwirth’s time. JUB is the engineer of record for the project and will make certain decisions. Valerie Thompson asked if JUB will be supervising the technical aspect of the job. Mike Klaus said yes. Any design changes or construction issues need to go through JUB. Mayor Sims said there is value to having an observer on site five days a week. Adam Arthur asked when the duties were split for the administrator and engineer, if this was something that should be done by the engineer. Mike Klaus said with all of the other projects he is working on, it would be hard to be the contract observer. Rick Alonzo asked how much time John Youngwirth will spend on the project. Mike Klaus said at least eight hours a day. Lisa Ailport said it could be up to 12 hours a day depending on the work the day. Mayor Sims said if there are 20 working days the cost will be approximately $3,000. Lisa Ailport stated this is for the sewer bridge project, as a requirement of the grant, not for when a person is working for a different department. Ed Ernst asked about liability having a City observer rather than a PE contracted observer. Mayor Sims said the liability if someone gets hurt is the City’s liability, if it is a problem with the project the liability lies with the contractor.

Rick Alonzo moved to increase John Youngwirth’s, the Street Superintendent, wages for the specific task of construction observation of the Sewer Forcemain Bridge Project from $25.57 to $31.00 per hour. This is a one-time project specific increase. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Ron Smith – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Adam Arthur – yes.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.