

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES (Approved)  
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010  
UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS  
AND  
UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Present at the meeting: Sue Marstein, Kim Ebnet, Lloyd Rausch, Mike Odden, Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz and twenty six residents from the community.

Mayor Ernie Schmit called the public hearing to order at 7 p.m.

Mayor Schmit welcomed everyone and then gave the floor to the city engineer, Scott Lange. He explained both projects, why needed, cost, etc.

This is a two fold public hearing: on utility improvements that include curb and gutter and possible utility rate increase on water/sewer.

Starting with Washington St. from Main St to Co. Rd. 9 north to Meadow St., all clay sewer lines and cast iron water lines are sited to be replaced. The current water mains are of cast iron, they are not efficient any longer. The sewer lines have leakage from storm waters, putting a burden on the wastewater plant. Fire hydrants are not efficient any longer.

There is potential funding from Rural Development for the water/sewer lines and the parts of the street that will be dug up for these replacements. What will not be covered by Rural Development is repaving the whole street, curb, gutter, and any streets that are not affected by water/sewer lines. Interest rate as of March 15 is 2.7/8%. This may go lower yet as the year progresses.

Preliminary costs to include:

Water	\$1,520,000
Sewer	1,100,000
WWTP	1,040,000
Non Eligible	790,000
Drainage	260,000
Curb/gutter	<u>124,000</u>
Total Cost	\$4,834,000

In figuring all the costs, what Rural Development does not allow as eligible costs, there is a shortfall of approximately \$1,300,000 or about \$52,000/year, over a 25 year period. With taking 311 resident/commercial users, this comes to about \$14/month.

The council took comments from those present and will consider them in making a final decision.

There was one mailed-in comment: "...wish to decline the curb and gutter project proposed by the City of Holdingford at the hearing on June 8, 2009. So today, March 15, 2010 we decline again the curb and gutter project proposed."

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Statz  
Holdingford City Clerk