



City of Sidney, MT
Water and Sewer Committee Meeting
May 19, 2022 5:15 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Visitors: Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, Fred Lake, Mrs. Bergerson

1. New Business

a. 9th Avenue Sewer Extension Project-Public Input

PWD Hintz detailed the project and the cost savings it would have for the homeowners, total savings being between \$350,000-\$550,000 by using materials the City already has and mostly City Labor. He stated the Water and Sewer Committee was wanting to gather the input from property owners in this area to see if they would want to be connected. PWD Hintz provided a cost estimate per property to pay for this \$150,000 project. Mrs. Bergerson asked if the other property owners would have to pick-up the costs for other properties, such as the abandoned home that is in foreclosure. PWD Hintz stated no, each property would be responsible for their portion of the project only, with the City upfronting the costs. He stated there will also be costs in the actual connection the homeowner, which they will have to pay a plumber/contractor for.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the City is looking into amortizing the cost of the project on property taxes when the property connect, but a waiver and approval form would have to be signed by the property owner to give permission to do so, but this would be an interest free option. PWD Hintz stated if they are not currently connected to the system, such as the commercial properties in this area, they will have to pay impact and connection fees.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated there is over \$4 million in cash available in the sewer department. She stated the savings on this project by doing it the way as described is negligent compared to waiting to do the project, since the pipe needs to be used soon before it starts to deteriorate. She stated by the City upfronting the costs, it is a risk that the cash used for the project, which would only be around \$80,000 without city labor, may not get paid back in a timely manner, but given the circumstances it is something the City can do.

Mr. Lake asked if there was a way for the cost to actually connect to the new main could be put on property taxes also and after discussion, PWD Hintz stated he would look in to the City including a

one time opportunity of including that in the project and putting that on their property taxes, but he will need to look into contractor availability and liability issues since it would be including work that is not City property.

The Water and Sewer Committee had a general consensus to meet again on this project once PWD Hintz investigates the above further.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:47pm.