

PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED WATER PROJECTS
JUNE 27, 2018
CANAL CENTER
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Shane opened the public meeting and introduced the following:

Panel: Eric Walsh of Umbaugh, Tim Hill and Tim Northern of Peerless and Mike Smith of BF&S and Craig Myers, Water.

City Officials: Clerk-Treasurer Leanne Aldrich, Council President Carolyn Pearson, Councilman Richard Traeger, Councilman Brian Garrison, Councilman Dale Seward, Councilman Mike Shockley, BOW member Dick Bradshaw and Karyl Traeger. Wastewater Dick VanSickle, Street Aaron Lyons.

Mayor Evans presented a slide show with information on present conditions facing the city and possible plans for solutions. The report shows the slow but constant decrease in the static level of our wells. From 2009 to 2016 there is an increase in the production of water but a decrease in static level. A financial, expenses and revenue for the water department was shown. Projects that need to be addressed were included. Water storage tanks have not seen repairs since 2000. Estimates for the Teays River possibility, Flora possibility and proposed projects were given. Eric Walsh of Umbaugh explained the SRF Program. This is not a bond. The State loans cities money at a low interest rate and allows payments to be made. Right now, the interest rate is 2% but could be higher by the time we follow all the steps in the process of borrowing. If we did a bond at 5% the annual payment on the proposed projects would be \$1,800,000 and if we used SRF funds at the current 2%, our payment would be \$824,000 each year. The debt service requirement could be done over a 5-year time frame. The slide show also included the amount of increase in the water bills our customers receive.

At the end of the slide show, Mayor Evans opened the meeting up for questions or concerns. Jeff Kobbler questioned why we did not have a commitment in writing from IPC to make sure the total cost did not fall back on the community. Mayor Evans explained RDC, US Agg and IPC will be helping but at this time we do not have the amounts.

Bill Bradshaw asked if we had done cost comparisons to other communities and if rates do go up can IPC move to another rate plan. Eric Walsh explained a state-wide survey had been done and we would be on the low side. There are two different ways to set up rates and we could change from what we are currently doing.

Deb Lowe felt we should consider how the rate change will hit our schools and they make their payments from tax revenue. Right now, they are paying around \$20,000 and with the rate increase will be around \$50,000. She also questioned about wastewater. Mayor Evans noted there is not a lot of money needed to be spent on the wastewater side.

Lou Hayden asked what the panel would recommend. Lou expressed his main concern is if IPC left the community, the residents would be stuck with way more than the 140% increase. Mayor Evans noted

he feels safe to say that IPC is all right with this project. Mike Smith stated as engineers, they worked on the project handed to them by the Mayor. Tim Northern stated that in 2008 they recommended the city get out of the influence of US Agg. North and Teays would be a one-time solution but at a much higher price tag.

Shawna Issacs felt we need to look at how these rates will hurt families within our area. She noted so many children are short funds for lunches now and if their parents are going to have to have this much more to spend on bills, it will hurt them more.

Rick Parsons feels we need to look at other engineers. Rick questioned what we could do to maintain our present condition. He also questioned if US Agg lowers and we drop in well levels, are they assuming part of the cost.

Denny Myers stated Tim Humphrey, Jeff Watson, Dale Seward and himself had worked with specialists and they said the worst thing we could do was hook wells together. Tim Northern agreed that could be right. He also noted they were not concerned with US Agg going deeper but the fact they were spreading toward Carrollton Road. Mr. Myers would like for the city to hire these specialists to look over our situation and make recommendations.

Sharon Milburn wanted an answer as to what is the most sustained water. Again, the answer would be the Teays River. The well we drilled there is really good as was expected to be.

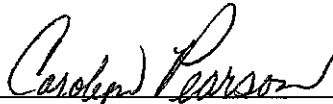
Jeff Watson asked about grants. Mayor Evans stated OCRA has grants up to \$400,000 but it depends on low income status of the community. Tim Humphrey stated Greentown had received grants totaling 2.8 million with 50% share. Tim feels we should cut out some of the projects and strictly use grant money. Eric Walsh stated SRF does do some grants but would have to be looked into.

Dale Seward asked if the figures on page 16 were the Mayors or the engineers. Mayor Evans noted he had used rates based on other estimates by the engineers. Dale questioned why these figures were so different than his. Dale stated this project is a 5-year solution to a 20 year bill.

With no further questions, the meeting was closed shortly after 9:00 PM.



Mayor Shane Evans



Carolyn Pearson



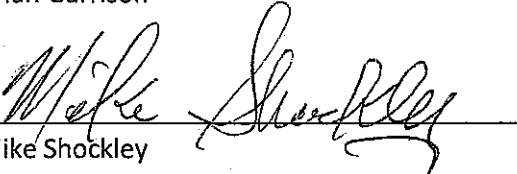
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