

## Unapproved Minutes

A public hearing was held on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 pm at City Hall, 213 College Street, Pilot Grove, Mo. for the purpose of addressing citizen's comments relating to the proposed sewer rate changes as they pertain to a draft ordinance yet to be voted on by the council.

City Clerk, Lori Vollrath called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Clerk, Lori Vollrath asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet.

City Clerk, Lori Vollrath read the intentions of this public hearing: "The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed changes to the sewer rate charges, effective if/when the SRF MoDNR Loan is closed and the contract executed. To be considered for a low interest State Revolving Fund loan from MoDNR the City must charge a Base Service Fee to provide for 110% of debt service coverage. Currently the City does not charge a base service fee for sewer, only a volume usage fee of \$11.75 per 1,000 gallons of water used. The proposed ordinance would charge a Base Service Fee of \$27.65 which would include the first 1000 gallons of water used. After the first 1,000 gallons volume charges would reduce from \$11.75/1000 gallons to \$8.45/1000 gallons."

Eight individuals attended the hearing with one inquiry made by Jayne Wessing residing at 500 College Street.

Mrs. Wessing did not have questions pertaining to the new rates but had a question about whether the sewer lines under HWY 135 would be fixed if necessary. Mrs. Wessing's question was answered by MECO Engineer, David Uhlig, stating that the sewer lines in the City have been evaluated and the lines in need of repair will be fixed using a relining method.

Mayor Knipp gave his opinion on the sample ordinance and the rates contained therein.

City Clerk, Lori Vollrath asked if anyone had any other questions or concerns. With no further questions or concerns the hearing was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Lori Vollrath

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Mayor, Dennis Knipp