

**CITY OF ELSBERRY
SPECIAL SESSION
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 18TH, 2022, AT 5:30PM
ELSBERRY CITY HALL**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Elsberry met on the evening of the above date at Elsberry City Hall at 5:30 pm. Mayor Short presided over the meeting. Present were Alderman Taylor, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Harper, and Alderman Wilch. Also present were City Clerk Rachel Reed and Police Chief Randy Davis

Mayor Short called the meeting to order.
Roll call deemed a quorum present.

Wastewater treatment plant funding

Mayor Short said that the cost estimate has went up by 1.5 million dollars. This makes us 1.1 million dollars short of what we have with our bond. We can get a loan for \$836,000 but this will mean that we have to raise sewer rates again. We would still have come up with the remaining money. We can use ARPA money if we need to. Chad Eggen told Mike that there is some money out there for projects but we would have to go out for bid and pay for the project and then apply for it. It is on a case-by-case basis and there is no guarantee that we will get it. The other option would be Microbial Solutions and completely bypass the wastewater treatment facility.

Alderman Wilch reached out to the City Manager at Kabul and they are very happy with Microbial Solutions. He also spoke with DNR and they now recognize Microbial Solutions as a possible solution. Mayor Short said that we have enough money in the sewer account to pay for the Microbial Solutions.

We would have to remove the sludge no matter what we do. Sludge removal is not included in the wastewater treatment facility.

Alderman Miller made a motion to get bids for water and electric over to the lagoon.
Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis
Nays-0
Absent- Alderman Rockwell

Justin Reaves asked about going to looking at Kabul. Alderman Wilch has already spoke with the City Manager and doesn't think there is need to go there. He got a lot of information on the phone. The process is done there and there isn't much to look at.

Justin will set up a time to speak with Bo Higgins about moving forward.

Rob Guinness suggested a well for the water source. Justin will see how much that will cost.

Alderman Miller made a motion to move forward with Advanced Microbial Solutions.
Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis
Nays-0
Absent- Alderman Rockwell

Alderman Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Alderman Miller seconded the motion

Ayes- Alderman Taylor, Alderman Davis, Alderman Harper, Alderman Taylor, Alderman
Wilch-yes,
Nays-0

Motion carried

The special session board meeting ended at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Reed
City Clerk
City of Elsberry