

Board of Aldermen opened the Public Forum at 6:30 PM on Monday, August 10, 2015. Mayor Lisa Daugherty called meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Present were Aldermen Chris Ellsworth, Gary Heilbrun, Barbara Welch, and Roger Bone. Absent: None. Also present were Mayor Lisa Daugherty, City Attorney Mike Talley, David Weaver and approximately 15 guests.

Open Public Forum to discuss changes to the sewer use charge system under consideration by the Duquesne Board of Aldermen

**Public Comments:**

Rick Gamboa  
4005 E. 20<sup>th</sup> St.

Mr. Gamboa asked if there are empty units, will the apartments be charged?  
The Board stated that the charge is per dwelling/occupancy units. They are in the process of figuring out how to enforce and find out how many units are empty. The apartment manager will possibly be the one that will need to inform the city of how many units are occupied.

David Steele  
3201 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

Mr. Steele asked if the apartment owners had been notified.  
The Board stated that the apartment managers were sent a certified letter.

Arnold Terry  
1705 Melissa Terry Lane

Mr. Terry wanted to know the definition of sewer Duquesne new and Duquesne usage new. Duquesne new is a set fee for Duquesne, while Duquesne usage new is the actual usage charge. Facility charge is for use of Joplin's sewer treatment plant. Mr. Terry stated that a fair way to charge would be based on usage, not dwelling units.

Cinda Sweet  
3711 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

Ms. Sweet stated that all Duquesne is asking is for each dwelling unit pay a base fee, to help pay off the sewer bond. It is the price for living in Duquesne.

As there was no further business, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Gina Taylor  
Duquesne City Clerk