

**MINUTES – OCTOBER 13, 2014 – PUBLIC HEARINGS
CITY OF DUQUESNE, MISSOURI**

Pursuant to tentative agenda posted more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to meeting of City of Duquesne Board of Aldermen held public hearings.

Acting President of Board of Aldermen Lisa Daugherty called meeting to order at 6:30 PM with Aldermen Frank Herron, Barbara Welch, Roger Bone and Lisa Daugherty present. David Weaver, Chris Erisman with Allgeier Martin & Associates (AMA) and 5 visitors were also present.

Motion made by Roger Bone, seconded by Barbara Welch, to open public hearing. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Hearing I. Engineering Alternative: Hearing was turned over to Chris Erisman. Engineering Alternative to sanitary sewer line was east of City of Duquesne, known as Largent area that runs south from 7th Street to 13th Street and continues to 20th Street. Designed as gravity sewer, line would open area to serve as area as possible for future development. Pressure system and pump station(s) were not cost effective. Drawing of proposed line was available for public review after hearings.

As there were no questions or comments, motion was made by Roger Bone, seconded by Barbara Welch, to close public hearing. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 6:35 PM.

Public Hearing II. Environmental Impact: Motion made by Barbara Welch, seconded by Roger Bone, to open public hearing. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. Hearing was opened at 6:36 PM and turned over to Chris Erisman. Proposed sewer project opened large area east of Duquesne for residential customer connection, eliminating alternative method of septic systems which improved overall environmental impact and improved City.

As there were no questions or comments, motion was made by Barbara Welch, seconded by Roger Bone, to close public hearing. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 6:37 PM.

Public Hearing III. Impact on User Rates: Motion made by Roger Bone, seconded by Barbara Welch, to open public hearing. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. Hearing was opened at 6:38 PM and turned over to Chris Erisman. Chris had received number of customers currently billed on City's sewer system from City of Joplin: 667 new customers and 86 pre-existing customer (persons on sewer before City installed its own system). AMA had performed rate study that indicated no impact or rate increase to fund project. City was approved for 50%/50% grant and 20-year low interest loan to construct proposed line, which was separate loan from current loan that was scheduled to conclude in approximately 17 years.

Alderman Herron asked how many new customers Largent line provided. It would add 10 new customers, but open area up for development and potentially more customers, including commercial. Connections to system required annexation into Duquesne. Project could include expanding into Fallen Oaks, Sunshine or Dingle areas. Additional areas could be considered after bids for project as presented were received. Total financing approved for project was \$433,000. Currently, no need to increase Duquesne rates, but City needed to review annually to insure revenue met expense needs.

David Weaver stated bid request would probably break project into components: 1) Largent line only; 2) add Fallen Oaks area; 3) add Dingle Drive area; 4) total combined project. Easements must be acquired before bidding per Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requirements. When bids were received, Board would decide what, if any, lines to construct.

Question was asked if current customers would have to repay new loan. Their bill would not go up to repay new loan. However, City has no control over any rate changes City of Joplin might impose. Joplin was currently in review process for next 5-year rate schedule.

Alderman Herron asked if proposed line opened up any commercial properties. It did along south side of 7th Street.

As there were no questions or comments, motion was made by Roger Bone, seconded by Barbara Welch, to close public hearing. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 6: 50 PM.