

Acting President of Board of Aldermen Lisa Daugherty called session to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Aldermen Frank Herron, Barbara Welch, Roger Bone, Lisa Daugherty. City Attorney Mike Talley, David Weaver and 5 visitors were also present.

Cobble Excavating & Street Cut Repairs for 2015: Company declined renewing contract due to recent death. City will need to advertise for bids. Alderman Bone said he has possible contractor.

Joplin School Proposed Annexation and Allow Lot Consolidations under Certain Conditions: Planning & Zoning Commission held its public hearings at January 5 meeting and recommended Board proceed with both issues.

Charge Sewer User Rates to Each Dwelling Unit: Proposal would charge each living quarter user rate (i.e.: each occupied apartment in apartment complex or multi-family dwelling). City Attorney recommended City hold public hearing.

City Attorney Talley said, during recent conversation, Harold McCoy with Joplin stated city had about 40% delinquent sewer accounts and estimated Duquesne accounts would be similar. Proposals from Data Technologies and Softline Data for City to do its own utility billing were presented. Alderman Daugherty was still waiting on proposal from Tyler Technologies. Per Joplin sewer agreement, City would need to submit written notice to Joplin to cancel Joplin's billing six months prior to self-billing. Mike Talley said City needed to discuss matter with Joplin to see if City would accept lesser amount of notification time. If so, formal agreement and ordinance modification would be needed.

Joplin sewer rate increase for 2015: Sewer rates are required to be based on rate study and usually attached as Appendix A to ordinance approving new rates. City was questioning whether new rate study had been done since May 2011 tornado. Study must demonstrate need to implement new charges. City Attorney also expressed concern of possible Hancock Amendment violation.

Corporate Resolution: Two proposals, one for after April election and one as interim resolution until April election that would list individual names. City Attorney pointed out City Code did not have Mayor Pro-Tem as position and all such references would need to be changed to "Acting President of Board of Aldermen".

Successor Mayor: Alderman Frank Herron said City needed to appoint Successor Mayor and it had been over 3 months since Mayor White's resignation.

Work Session closed at 7:00 PM.

Terry Ingram, Duquesne City Clerk