

**DELTA CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

Wednesday, February 19th, 2020
Delta City Municipal Complex Council Chambers
76 North 200 West
Delta, Utah 84624-9440

PRESENT

John W. Niles, Mayor
Brett C. Bunker, Council Member
Nicholas W. Killpack, Council Member

Kiley J. Chase, Council Member
Betty Jo Western, Council Member

ABSENT

Robert W. Banks, Council Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherri Westbrook, City Recorder
Todd F. Anderson, City Attorney
John Heath
Dent Kirkland, Public Works Director

Mason Richins, Delta City Intern
Matt Ward

Mayor Niles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated that notice of the time, place and the agenda of the meeting had been posted at the City Municipal Complex, on the Delta City website, on the Utah Public Notice website, had been provided to the Millard County Chronicle-Progress, LLC and to each member of the City Council at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Mayor Niles conducted roll call. Council Members Western, Bunker, Chase, and Killpack were present. Council Member Banks was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

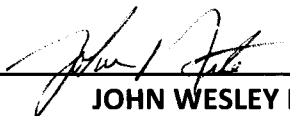
After the opening remarks, Mayor Niles asked if anyone from the audience would like to step up to the microphone and express any concerns or to ask any questions that they might have. John Heath asked what was going on with the sewage system that demanded the change in price. Mayor Niles explained that there are pipes in the ground that are sixty to eighty years old. He stated that these pipes have long outlived their lifespan. He explained that this problem has been ignored for the past several years and now instead of a fifty cent or a one dollar raise per year it must be a lot more substantial to get the funds necessary to begin to fix the problem. Mr. Heath asked if the intent was to replace the sewage system or to just leave it.

Mayor Niles said that we will attempt to re-sleeve it where we can because it is cheaper, but there are pipes that will need to be replaced due to age and incorrect sizes. Mr. Heath then asked if the asbestos pipe would cause a problem. Mayor Niles invited Public Works Director Kirkland to help explain. Public Works Director Kirkland explained that the pipes would be left in the ground and they will either attempt to realign it or they will simply go around it. He then explained that one of his bigger concerns is that since our rates are so low, it will be hard to get companies to work with us. Mr. Heath asked what type of a system we were looking at. Public Works Director Kirkland explained that it would be essentially the same system, just realigned and replaced where it was necessary. Mr. Heath asked if we would start at the sewer plant and work in or start in Delta and work out. Public Works Director Kirkland stated that they are going to try to do it in phases, starting with the most extreme areas first. He stated that those are for the most part in the older parts of Delta City, mostly from Center Street west to the tracks. Mr. Heath asked if the sewage treatment plant needed to be expanded as well. Public Works Director Kirkland stated that there is plenty of room in our lagoons. Mr. Heath asked if the City has gotten a bid back yet. Public Works Director Kirkland explained that they had not, because they don't really know what they are facing yet. Council Member Western commented that while the issue might have been ignored during previous years, she believes that members of the city council were not aware of the severity of the problem at hand and how low their sewer rates were compared to where they probably should have been. She stated that there was a study done by Sunrise Engineering that shows that our rates based off our Median Adjusted Gross Income should be around fifty-three dollars. She explained that they had known they were under, but they did not know to what extent they were under. She said that they did not plan on raising it to fifty dollars, but it is necessary for them to begin making up the difference. Mr. Heath explained that he had been injured and was on fixed income and because of that he really appreciated that low rate and asked the Council to please keep that in their minds. Council Members Western and Killpack explained that the City Council is trying to be very mindful concerning the consequences that this might have on those who are on a fixed income. Mayor Niles stated that since Delta City is so flat, we need several additional stations to keep the sewer running smoothly. After some discussion, Matt Ward from the Millard County Chronicle asked if the city had any bonds or grants for the sewage system. It was explained that the city will take what grants it can get but it is unlikely to receive large amounts of additional funding because Delta City is not charging the public as much as it could be. Any additional funding will most likely be received through a loan at the lowest interest rate possible.


Council Member Chase MOVED to adjourn the City Council Public Hearing. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Bunker. Mayor Niles asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed with Council Member Banks, Council Member Bunker, Council Member Chase, and Council Member Killpack in favor. Council Member Banks was absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.





JOHN WESLEY NILES
MAYOR



SHERRI WESTBROOK
CITY RECORDER

MINUTES APPROVED: 03/04/2020