

CITY OF SHELLEY
WORK MEETING
MINUTES

JULY 09, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Pascoe
Council Members: Jeff Kelley, Kim Westergard, Dallin Jolley, and Don West
Public Work Director: Justin Johnson
City Clerk/Treasurer: Sandy Gaydusek (Absent)
City Building Inspector/Planner: Jordon Johnson
Deputy City Clerk: Lisa Ybarra

The meeting was opened at 6:05 p.m.

This work meeting was held to discuss the Water Improvement Project.

The Mayor wanted to talk about the water improvement plan. Thanked everyone for attending. We want to figure out what direction we want to go. We got two grants one for \$16,300,000 and a \$10,000,000. The \$16 million grant we have half of it forgiven and the other would need to be paid back at 1% on a 30-year loan. Jeff said we have money in the Capital Outlay of about \$1.5 million that we could use \$1 million to help pay for it. Kim mentioned that no one wants meters and asked how long before they needed to be in. Justin said that DEQ is saying EPA is saying. Inventory is due October 2024 for the lead and the copper. We have until 2027 to put an improvement program together and 2035 to implement that program and have the lead and copper out of the ground. Justin said that the deal with the \$16.3 million is that they will not give us the grant on lead and copper unless meters are part of the project because it is not worth them giving us the funds if we are not doing the total project. Justin believes that the meters are coming and within ten years we will be forced to have meters. Kim mentioned that either we go forward or ten years from now we will be putting a huge tax burden on our residents and they will have to pay for all of it themselves. Justin wanted them to keep in mind that that the piping project that we applied for before back in 2020 came in at about \$600,000, four years later that project is about \$1.5-\$1.6 million. Don asked how long would it be for meters to hit the residents. Justin explained that the \$16.3 million is only for the lead/copper and water meters. If it is moved to go forward, we would go into the design phase within the next month or two, then it will go to bid this fall, and we will start the projects in Spring 2025. It will take about 2-3 years. Jeff would like to know what the increase amount for the residents be. Justin said it would be up to the Council how to charge residents and it could be that the first year is to give residents an idea of what it would be on how they use the water. Dallin asked how this all came to be. The Mayor said that when all those people began getting poison in Michigan and all of the lead problems. Dave mentioned that if we are ahead of everyone, we may be able to get more funding. The Mayor said he was going with Ted Hendricks, because he always gets money, after DEQ said we have to do something with the lead and copper. Dallin doesn't believe that they will bankrupt our city if we don't do it. Justin said that in Boise, DEQ Casandra Lemons is the main person in Boise. She mentioned that DEQ is being said by EPA is that if

the lead inventory service line, it will be a check mark and will cause EPA into town and questioning. If there is no improvement plan by 2027 that would be another check mark and if the lead and copper out of the ground, most likely EPA will come into the town and will shut the power down to the wells and shut you down and you'll be on bottled water. She said this is what this is what they are being told by EPA. Dallin would like to have more information and know what the cost will be for residents. He also asked if the City has a lot of lead in which Justin said the city has about 80% has lead goose neck which has to come out. Dallin asked how we are testing the lines. Justin said we are using 1991 and older, also using city maps and it is older and we can prove that it is galvanized with lead that is what is replacing. 1991 and new we are saying that it is not lead and that satisfies DEQ and EPA at this moment. Dallin asked if we have to pay the loan back on the first day. The Council want to have Dave and Ted give numbers before the next council meeting. There will be another work meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:10 p.m.

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