THE MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DUENWEG, MISSOURI WAS HELD IN THE DUENWEG MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 118 WEBB STREET, ON DECEMBER 13TH, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.

A Public Hearing to discuss and hear public comments concerning the increasing of water rates and sewer rates in the City of Duenweg, Jasper County, Missouri.

Notices were posted from November 25th thru December 19th, 2019 at Duenweg City Hall, Duenweg Municipal Building, and also published in the Webb City Sentinel on November 27th, 2019 and December 4th, 2019.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mayor Olds.

Mayor Olds described the purpose of the public hearing was to inform the public that even though the City of Joplin is raising our rates 5%, the City of Duenweg will need to increase the sewer rates 6% to help recoup from the previous years of not increasing the residents as much as the City of Joplin increased the rates to the City of Duenweg. Mayor Olds then opened the floor for any comments or considerations regarding the public hearing.

Present was Barbara VanFleet who stated that we need to plan for the future even though we may not see things change immediately.

Jim VanFleet was present and stated that as we build or have builders to build more rooftops to expand the users on our system then we can capitalize on those situations to help the cost in the future. Mr. VanFleet also asked if our system will sustain more users and have we planned to grow with it. Mr. VanFleet also asked if we can justify the cost to maintain the sewer system and are there grant opportunities for the city to apply for. Mayor Olds responded to his comments and questions with telling him there is a plan in place to accommodate new users as we grow.

With no further comments or discussion, the public hearing was closed and adjourned at 11:10 a.m. by Mayor Olds.

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Russell Olds, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shirley J Lewis, City Clerk