

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 19TH, 2019 AT 6:00 P.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.

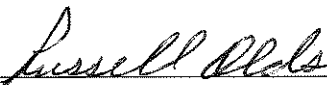
The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Olds.

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 Colleen Sifferman who stated she heard we were going to connect to Carthage with our sewer. Mayor Olds stated that he had talked to Carthage in the past, but nothing has been done to go that way. Mrs. Sifferman's next question was what about building our own? Mayor Olds replied that he has not given up on creating our own and then explained his meeting in Jefferson City with DNR a couple of years ago that resulted in a grant for a SCEAP Grant. Mrs. Sifferman's next statement was inquiring why our sewer fees are more than they are for the Joplin residents? Mayor Olds told her that Joplin charges us about 30% more than they do their residents. Mrs. Sifferman's next statement was asking about why the Joplin residents' sewer is based on the average of three dormant months and ours is based on our monthly usage. Mayor Olds stated that if we charged our residents that way, we would soon not have the finances to do business and provide services as we should.


Diana West was present and asked when this will take effect and Mayor Olds response was for the January 2020 reading which will be on the bill mailed February 1, 2020.

With no further comments or discussion, the public hearing was closed and adjourned at 6:47 p.m. by Mayor Olds.



Russell Olds, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley J Lewis, City Clerk