

Hooker Municipal Authority

Regular Meeting

May 1, 2025

Present: Mayor Aaron Witt, John Schmidt, Wesley Hofferber, James Farley, Molly Clement

Also Present: Sara Ogden, Anjanette Gibler, Winter Roybal, Scott Hedrick, Misty Lynch, Robbie Wayman, Guerrero Garcia, Carina Roybal, Darrell Edwards, Michael Lundgrin, Gerald Edwards, Peter Guerro

Mayor Witt called the meeting to order. Farley made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Clement seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schmidt made a motion to approve the purchase orders by consent agenda. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report was also reviewed with no questions.

The City's sewer rates were discussed for a possible increase. Farley is against raising the rates just to raise them to keep up with other surrounding towns. He said that a survey was done years ago and that the cheap living in Hooker was something he liked. He is also concerned about his mother in law and those that are on a fixed income as to how they were going to pay their City bill. Farley also said that Greg Arnold told him that when the gas rates were raised years ago, that more money would go into the gas system. Clement is against raising rates and was asking what expenses were coming up. Schmidt would like to see a 5% increase and create a Capital Improvement Sewer Account to put money into. He said there are things coming up with the infrastructure that will need to be tended too including the sprinkler at the landfill. Witt commented that it would cost \$75,000-\$110,000 for a new sprinkler. Witt also talked about the revenue compared to the expenses and that he would like to see an account set up to put money into for future expenses. Winter Roybal said there are shallow lines on the South side of town and a new lift station is needed. Schmidt made a motion to increase the sewer rates by 5% this year and the following 4 years and to create a Capital Improvement Sewer Account. No second was made. None voted in favor. Motion did not carry. Farley voted to take no action. Clement seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

There were no public comments. No gas index or any gas system updates were discussed. Clement made a motion to accept amendment to gas sales contract with WTG Gas Marketing, LLC transport fee from \$0.85 to \$0.95 per MMBtu. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. Hofferber seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Mayor