City of Taylor, North Dakota

Water System Improvement Informational Meeting

April 22, 2024, 6:00PM, The Opera House

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Ross Rebel.

Council members present: Melissa Gjermundson, Mark Sloop, Chase Hanson

Also present is Secretary Nina Wolf

Guests: AJ Tuck and Anthony Setness of Moore Engineering

Residents present: Russ and Jerilyn Myran

Paul and Sue Larsen

Duane Urlacher

Jim Wolf

Kellen Wolf

Perry Zillich

Ryan Elkins

Moore Engineering’s presentation is summarized as follows:

**City Needs:**

* Capital Improvement Plan
* Aging and Undersized Water System
* Aging Sewer System
* Undersized Sewer Treatment

Current lagoon size is designed for average flow for 150 people.

Lift station’s structure and controls are beyond their design life.

**Project Description:**

* Second Street Right of Way
* Water mains and services
* Asphalt and gravel patching
* Connection to existing mains
* Directional drill water main

**Estimated Project Cost:**

Water System $1,508,000.00

Engineering $ 633,000.00

$2,141,000.00

**Project Funding:**

Funding Pursuits

* ND Department of Water Resources – 60% grant on water
* ND Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – 2% loan
* ND Clean Water State Revolving Fund – 2% loan
* Stark County Commission ARPA Funding

**Special Assessment vs User Rates:**

Special Assessment Pros

* Parcel owner can pay off assessment immediately
* Can distribute loan amount more fairly

Special Assessment Cons

* More work for legal and engineering, additional cost

User Rate Pros

* Easier to implement for everyone

User Rate Cons

* Rates increase is locked in for thirty (30) years
* Rates will go up or down as people leave or move in

**Estimated Special Assessment: $3,800.00 per parcel (based on 225 assessable parcel numbers)**

**Estimated User Rate: $30.00 increase (based on 117 users) for 30 years**

**Project Construction:**

Spring and Summer of 2025

**Points of Discussion (during and after the presentation):**

* the need to maintain the existing fire hydrants and if the city needs more
* to correctly determine parcel numbers for special assessments
* to determine duration of term loan (20 years or 30 years)
* AJ Tuck mentioned to do half special assessment, half user rate. Is that feasible?

**Adjournment:**

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29PM, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

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Mayor Ross Rebel Nina Wolf, Secretary