

Mayor Dave Olson called the special meeting to order at 5:00 pm at Houston City Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated the meeting was to review the City's finances and project schedules as presented by City Financial Advisor Mike Bubany, of David Drown & Associates. Present were: Mayor Dave Olson, Councilors Kevin Knutson, Matt Schutte and Emily Krage. Also present were: Christina Peterson, Audrey Hegland, Suzie Peterson, Mike Bubany, Marlene Schultz, Ellyn Baumann, and Mike Markegard.

Mike Bubany presented a three-year historical overview of City funds, including water/sewer averages, and debt per capita, which was considered fairly low. He spoke of the upcoming projects and accompanying estimated costs that the City must fund including the rehab of the Sewer Plant, the construction of a Radium Treatment Plant and the Stoddard Street stub south of Hwy 16. Other projects may include the extension of sewer under Highway 16 to serve the north side, Lincoln Street repair, and paving one block unpaved strip of E. Spruce between Kilborn and Erickson St.

Bubany stated that water rates will have to be increased soon to support the required Radium Treatment Plant now that it is close to construction. Peterson will be reviewing the rate structure as well, possibly charging large users a higher base rate. Also, a policy to address properties within the City that have private wells and septic will be drafted.

Bubany showed many scenarios of project funding and how proposed projects could impact property taxes and utility rates. Bubany encouraged the City to be proactive and start considering the 2019 levy now. Bids for the Water Treatment Plant will be due on Thursday, June 25.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:00 BY SCHUTTE, SECONDED BY KRAGE, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.