

City of Medora
Minutes of Special Meeting of the Utilities Committee
October 18, 2018
(Subject to Council Review and Approval)

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Kinley Slauter. Present were Council Members Kinley Slauter, Tracy Sexton and Doug Ellison. Mary Jean Brannum, Clarence Sitter and Wally Owen were also present.

Special Meeting of the Utilities Committee: Review the current situation with Garbage, Sewer, and Water services and develop recommendations as needed.

Revenue from utilities hasn't grown as fast as the cost of services. The desire is to balance utility cost and revenue, assure all users are treated the same, and have revenue cover costs.

The Auditor is requested to provide at the next meeting an analysis showing the total picture on revenue and cost for garbage, water and sewer.

Recycling

Wally Owen presented an update on Recycling. There have been repairs to the equipment to keep it in good order. Cardboard is taken to Beach and the other materials are taken to Bismarck. There is the potential to take more to Dickinson in the future which would significantly reduce costs. There may be 1-2 more trailers needed for efficiency, the cost of added trailers would be covered by donations. They are looking at the idea of placing recycling containers around town to increase the amount of recycling. The Committee recognizes Wally for his diligence and his contribution of time and resources to move Recycling forward.

Garbage

Clarence Sitter from TRMF provided information on garbage costs. Landfill rates are increasing every year and they currently are \$44/ton. TRMF spending for garbage collection has been open books with the City with all information shared. The costs are split 60% City, 40% TRMF based on volume of garbage. Mary Schneider will review her analysis of garbage generation at the next meeting.

Sewer

Most cities have moved to water usage-based rates with some having allowances for summer watering. We are pulling rates from various cities to understand practices elsewhere.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Attest: _____ Kinley Slauter, Chair

Attest: _____ Gary Ridenhower, City Auditor