

City of Medora
Minutes of Special Meeting of the Utilities Committee
April 1, 2019
(Subject to Council Review and Approval)

The Meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Kinley Slauter. Present were committee members Tracy Sexton and Slauter. Member Doug Ellison was absent. Auditor Ridenhower was also unable to attend. Following members of the community were in attendance for some or all of the meeting: Mary Griffin-Abrahamson, Mary Schneider, Derwin Zuroff, Todd Corniel, Shannon Raatz, Clarence Sitter, and Wally Owen.

Earlier special meetings were scheduled and cancelled due to conflicts that arose related to flood response on Monday, March 25 and Thursday, March 28.

A proposal for garbage service from MGM Rural Sanitation, LLC; was discussed. Discussion included: MGM's proposal reduces service from 7 days per week to 3. Larger dumpsters will be needed in some locations and are included in cost. Purchase or use of existing dumpsters is not included and would be added cost in some way. Current practice of frequent stops for small amounts would be discontinued as MGM would expect all garbage to make its way to dumpsters. Several businesses needs are not covered due to limited space for larger dumpsters to allow for fewer pickups per week. MGM Proposal includes all TRMF locations both within and out of the city limits.

Considerable discussion was had on the various garbage rate categories. Community members expressed a willingness to pay what's needed and a general understanding that they may be asked to pay more than they would like but that it's the cost of the service needed for the community. There was sentiment that small business operators and residents not pay a significant share of the costs of the high volume operators. After lengthy discussion consensus was reached to add an extra high volume category to cover most of the high volume customers with an associated rate of \$350 per month billed all 12 months with no vacation rate offered. This increase would support a reduction in the low volume commercial rates by \$20 per month.

Discussion also covered a recycling fee and generally those in attendance recognized that a recycling fee is common and felt a \$1 per account per customer charge is appropriate.

Sewer and water rates were not discussed at the meeting. Sexton moved to adjourn, Slauter adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Attest: _____ Kinley Slauter, Chair

Attest: _____ Gary Ridenhower, City Auditor