

**CITY OF EVART
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING
August 21th, 2023 @ 7:00PM
Community Room at the Depot, 200 S. Main Street**

Mayor Chris Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present Council Members: Matt Hildebrand, Sean Duffy, Jim Schwab, Sandy Szeliga

Present Staff: City Manager Pepper Lockhart, Downtown Development Director (DDA) Todd Bruggema, Finance Director Jennie Duncan, Department of Public Works Director Don Duncan, City Clerk Andrea Grupido

Guests: Travis Douglas, Alicia Michell

Old Business:

Attorney Services

Lockhart and Duffy interviewed 3 out of the 4 firms who sent proposals - Eric Williams, Dickinson & Wright, and McCurdy Wotila & Proteous. Eric Williams presented himself as the best fit for our current needs. Duffy speaks of Williams' experience in working with municipalities and his workable attitude. Lockhart states that his knowledge of zoning, ordinance and codes will be advantageous. His location is also beneficial to us as well. Hildebrand would still like to continue our relationship with Dickinson & Wright. Schwab thanks Lockhart and Duffy for taking the time to meet with them.

Well 1 Pump Motor

Still waiting for cap prices. D. Duncan is going to be speaking with Kevin from EGLE to see if this well can sit idle if the isolation valve is shut. D. Duncan will also ask about a forbearance on the testing requirements, and what will need to be done when the well is turned back on. The pump was found to not be able to work on any other well. Hildebrand asks if there is any benefit in the short term or long term to shutting down more wells that we currently have active. D. Duncan will research and bring back to council what the cost savings will be by idling pump 1.

Water Supply System Emergency Response Plan Renewal

This plan needs to be updated every 5 years.

Cemetery Policy and Procedures

The sexton and his employees brought to the Cemetery Commission's attention issues with people bringing glow sticks into the cemetery. The cemetery commission does not want to take away the appeal of the glowing tombstones so they ask that Council approve the additional language for the policy and procedures to state, "There will be no solar lighting, glow sticks, reflectors or any other objects that emit light." Szeliga states that she drove out to look at the new Potter's Field sign and the work that was done there looks great.


Andrea Grupido, City Clerk