

**CITY OF EVART
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING
May 15th, 2023 @ 7:30PM
Community Room at the Depot, 200 S. Main Street**

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

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

Present Staff: City Manager Pepper Lockhart, Finance Director/Treasurer Jennie Duncan, Downtown Development Director (DDA) Todd Bruggema, Director of Public Works (DPW) Don Duncan, Chief of Police John Beam, City Clerk Andrea Grupido

Guests: Mike Fulton, Brian Rowley, Matt Biolette, Al Fox, Mark Sochocki

Unfinished Business:

DWSRF

Brian Rowley is here from Fleis & Vanderbrink to discuss the final project plan to submit for application of the DWSRF. The total estimated project cost is \$12,676, 000. The scope of the project includes watermain replacement totals of 12,300 lineal feet and replacement of approximately 319 lead service lines. It is anticipated that that final terms will be offered in the fall of 2023, and construction may commence in 2024.

Schmude Oil & Gas Lease.

A change has been made in the parcel size proposed in the lease from 13.35 to 34.15 acres to include the right of ways. Lockhart met with the DNR and was told there is a conversion tied to this property. In order to put anything on the property the City would need to provide another piece of land, DNR approved, that is of the same value.

New Business:

There will be two additions to the agenda. K1. DDA Budget and K2. Resolution 2023-11.

The Cemetery Commission met and discussed updating the policy and procedures. The proposed changes are presented to council. Hildebrand questioned the grant money still being in the DDA Budget even though they hadn't applied for the grant, Bruggema makes clear that the DDA plans to apply for the CDBG grant eventually and that is why you see the \$750,000 amount still allocated in the budget.



Andrea Grupido, City Clerk