

Hooker Municipal Authority

Regular Meeting

July 8, 2025

Present: Mayor Aaron Witt, John Schmidt, Wesley Hofferber, James Farley, Molly Clement

Also Present: Sara Ogden, Anjanette Gibler, Winter Roybal, Carina Roybal, Misty Lynch, Robbie Wayman, Scott Hedrick, Trever Stoppel

Mayor Witt called the meeting to order. Hofferber made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schmidt made a motion to approve the purchase orders by consent agenda. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report was also reviewed.

There was no old business or public comments. Gibler told the Council the gas index is \$2.93 and Roybal had no gas system updates.

Trever Stoppel with Earles Engineering visited with Council regarding Water Well #6 bids. He reviewed the bids from Gates Utilities LLC.(\$752,354.00), Sargent Drilling (\$989,892.00), and Well Services of Oklahoma (\$1,604,530.00). Earles Engineering last bid a public water well in 2020 with a construction cost of \$343,285.00, which included new VFD Controls and well house piping. The City project will reuse the existing piping and the pump controls. An advertisement for bid was sent to several contractors and was advertised locally as well as through Oklahoma Plan Rooms. After receiving the bids, Earles Engineering contracted two contractors and asked why submitted bids were significantly higher compared to a last well. Both contractors indicated there is a severe shortage in labor, resulting in large increase labor cost as well as current work loads are the primary factor for increased cost for public water well construction. Stoppel recommended that the City accept the lowest bid of \$752,354.00 from Gates Utilities. Witt questioned Stoppel regarding the differences between agricultural water wells and municipal water wells, water well alignment, depth, warranty, and wells that were drilled elsewhere. Ogden and Gibler proposed to get a loan for \$350,000.00 from First National Bank and pay the remaining after the REAP Grant (\$75,000.00) from Municipal Authority for the new water well. Schmidt made a motion to accept bid from Gates Utilities LLC and loan of \$350,000.00 from First National Bank financed for 60 Months with 5.25% interest and \$6,650 per month payment. Hofferber seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Hofferber made a motion to adjourn. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Mayor