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**MINUTES
CITY OF DELAWARE CITY
SPECIAL MEETING OF
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Thursday September 5th, 2019 at 4:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
DELAWARE CITY, DE 19706**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the Emergency Meeting of Mayor & Council to order at 4:28 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Johnson, Vice Mayor Malinowski, Council Members Titus, Konkus, Renoll and Buchheit. Also attending was Acting City Manager Baylor and City Secretary Loveland.

John Thater, Vice President of Operations at Artesian and Andrew an Artesian Engineer were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE REPLACEMENT FOR THE REPAIRS AT WELL 5

Acting City Manager Baylor explained to council that he was contacted by Artesian water last week stating they noticed a performance issue with well 5, it was not pumping the amount of gallons per minute it usually does. Artesian did further investigation and ended up calling in an expert company, A.C. Schultes. To our knowledge the pump has not been worked on since 1996. Based on their examination, there were cracks in the collar of the pump and then found the pump itself was done and we were going to need a whole new pump. They presented us with a document explaining what they found and a cost breakdown for the repairs.

Artesian Vice President John Thater along with his engineer gave a breakdown of everything that was done to assess the problem, what was broken and how it affects the water system and exactly what they are going to do to replace it. They explained that A.C Schultes is basically the only company in the area that could handle this and they have provided us with two price options:

Option 1

Pull & Television Inspection (completed).....	\$4,400.00
Furnish New 40 HP Submersible Pump and Motor.....	\$7,094.10
Furnish (465') of new 6" Drop Pipe, Sumersible Cable, poly and airline.....	\$19,217.90
Instillation and Startup Testing.....	\$3,680.00
Well #5 Redevelopment Cost.....	\$34,392.00

Option 2 – Optional Well Redevelopment: Additional Cost

Caliper Log.....	\$500.00
Well Redevelopment (estimated 8 days at \$2300/day).....	\$18,400.00
Acid Treatment (per treatment).....	\$500.00
Post-Television Inspection.....	\$500.00
Well #5 Redevelopment Cost:.....	\$19,900.00

John Thater from Artesian explained that if the Council chooses not to do the additional redevelopment on the well while they are already extracting the pump, it will still need to be done within a few years but then will cost additional money to remove the pump again. It would no longer be the \$19,000.00, It would be more cost effective to do it all at once.

Discussion Followed.

Council Member Buchheit Asked Finance Manager Graham if we have the funds to pay for this. She said yes and no, we do have the money especially with tax monies starting to come in and we are due to receive a check from the refinery, but she has a lot of invoices that need to be paid with that money, there was no money budgeted for an emergency. She mentioned that she had been asked about using the Mayor's Ball money, there is about \$74,000.00 in the Mayors Ball account.

Mayor Johnson expressed that he is concerned that we have no Capitol Budget or emergency monies set aside. He wanted to use the Mayors Ball money for other things in the town but he feels this emergency takes precedence. He would like to use the money from the Mayors Ball fund to pay for this.

Council Member Buchheit expressed that he doesn't feel like that is what the Mayors Ball money was intended for and he is completely against using that money. He feels the people who contribute to the Mayors Ball now have donated under false pretences.

Mayor Johnson added that as a firefighter for the City of Delaware City is concerned that without well 4 we do not have enough water to battle a massive fire. Whatever is decided needs to be decided today because this is very dangerous.

Acting City Manager Baylor said that without specific document that states where the Mayors Ball money was to be allocated he thinks we should use that money that is sitting there as it will benefit every person in this City. He hopes that this event will make us more conscious of having emergency funds in the future. He says we need to be honest with the public about how we handled this situation at the next meeting.

Council Woman Konkus suggested we reach out to our Local Legislators for help since this is an emergency. All of Council agreed that we should look into this.

Finance Manager Graham added that we do have cash on hand but that money is planned for paying invoices. She informed Council we do have money in our Money Market Account.

Council Woman Konkus made a motion to use the funds in the Mayors Ball account to pay for the complete Redevelopment, the \$34,392.00 plus the additional \$19,900.00, Council Member Renoll seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Vice Mayor Malinowski, Council Members Titus, Renoll, Konkus all voted in favor, Council Member Buchheit voted against it. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Buchheit made the motion that was seconded by Council Member Konkus; the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Britney L. Loveland
City Secretary