

Mayor Burke-Van Luvanee

- Presented a timeline to residents of the entire process elected officials and city staff have participated in, beginning in 1999, ending present day.
- In regards to rate increases, the mayor showed the years of increases, and also the years of no increase.
- The timeline will be available at the mayor's forums to be held on May 17th, from 5:30-7pm, and May 20th, from 9-11am. Those with questions can attend the forums for a further breakdown from the mayor.
- Diaz – I didn't see any money invested in the ponds themselves, can you break that down in handouts?
- Mayor – Referred back to timeline to show the actions taken (money invested) on the current ponds (aerators, sending to Sioux Falls, etc.).
- Diaz – If you have a used vehicle and you plan on trading it in in a couple of years, you don't run your vehicle on bald tires, you maintain the vehicle.
- Mayor – That is what we have been doing.

Andrew Pietrus

- One of the investments to maintain our 'used car' is we took one of the 3 pumps from the lift station to help with recirculation, and installation of the aerators themselves. These are both ongoing investments including installation and service, along with utility to run them.
- What we are doing today? Since the last meeting, we have turned pumping to Sioux Falls back on. We have also changed the flow to pull out of pond two rather than possibly pulling the cleaner, recirculated water out of one, and have been pumping that to Sioux Falls.
- Better the oxygen, better the treatment, better the smell.
- The numbers for the ponds have improved since the above switch.
- There has been no new raw sewage going into cell one or any of the systems since the last meeting.
- All the extra will continue to go to Sioux Falls at this time.
- How long does our current contract run and how many extensions are there?
-We have 2 years left on our current contract and another 5 year extension on it.
- How much does it cost to add more aeration to the ponds?
- It depends on the type of aeration. As does the return on that type of investment.
- Testing for different gasses:
-We have staff that carry testers to test for hydrogen sulfide. It tests down to parts per million. We have never detected any part of this gas in the air.
- Fencing concerns:
-Our ponds are inspected every 3 years by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the State of South Dakota. They have all specifications of our ponds. The report addresses fencing and determined our barb wire fencing is adequate per our specifications and the area remains gated when staff is not present at the ponds. The report is available on our website.
- Does any of the water/sewer leak in to our drinking system (from current or old pond locations)?
-We do not get our water locally. It comes from the Missouri River.
-Our ponds have a clay liner along the bottom and the thickness of that liner was determined to be good by state and federal regulations.
- One of the adjustments we plan on making to adjust the smell is during the winter months we will be taking the aerators out to service them so we will pump 100% to Sioux Falls.
- Can we just add more chemicals?
-There is a diminishing return. They can fight against the bugs that we need.

Jon Brown

- The state of South Dakota regulates our discharge permit. They have issued a discharge permit to the city which is online. This is issued by the Department of Environmental & Natural Resources, not the EPA.
- The city works with the DENR on a regular basis to make sure we are compliant. They are tested on a regular basis.

Andrew Pietrus

- We have had many engineering firms and vendors approach the city since the last meeting offering their services/products. The statement made on social media, "If the ponds are functioning properly, there should be no smell". The only people we hear that from are the people that are selling something. They believe in their product however will not agree to a demo or leasing a product, then the answer changes. The city will still due their due diligence and follow up with all that have approached the city.

Mayor Van Luvanee

- Information received today: through the attempts to get rid of the smell, the city is spending \$6,800 per day to resolve this problem.

Josh Lewis

- We put so much money into the ground already and we plan on abandoning that if we to our own treatment option, so if we do go to full term on our contract, what are our multipliers projected to be and how much does that eat into our SDC charge?

Andrew Pietrus

- The plan is to not lose that investment into what we have. There is a very strong possibility that we will ... The lift station itself, we will be able to use one way or another, whether we pump it to the Big Sioux or to somewhere else as we treat our water on our own, we will be able to utilize that lift station regardless of that. The other thing that might allow us to utilize the pipe as well, is if we are able to discharge into Shindler or Spring Creek. We cross both of those creeks with the existing infrastructure pipe so we would be able to utilize 100% of our investment in terms of the piping and lift station. The SDC that is that backwards buy in that we have to do into the Sioux Falls system and the mayor mentioned in her timeline that was one of those charges that we didn't agree with. To further that point, the state of South Dakota, when they said well why didn't Harrisburg tie into Sioux Falls as planned? We told them our concern and the state hired a consultant out of North Carolina that looked at the regionalization study and highlighted the same concern. That was that the SDC doesn't have adjusted cost to Sioux Falls to operate their wastewater facility. It has all of their large trunk lines throughout their entire city put into that charge. We get that we need to contribute towards the development of their wastewater facility since that's where we are putting water, and we do get that we contribute some portion to their collection system because today our force main goes to a point in their collection system but we utilize probably 1% of that. One of those charges that we will have coming down the line later once Sioux Falls gives us notice we will have one year to comply and that would be extending our force main to their larger lift station up there and then be sent up to their treatment facility. So why is it financially responsible for us to be in an agreement where we are paying for all of Sioux Falls' collection system? To address the question of when we decide to go to Sioux Falls tomorrow, how quickly could we do it? That's a cost that won't know or realize for a

couple years but it's estimated to be 3 million dollars once we do that. The buy in to the system is estimated to be 5 million dollars. As of 2 weeks ago, our credit towards the SDC was between \$800,000-900,000 so we would still owe \$4 million for the SDC. We would owe \$3 million in the next few years for extending the force main and we would predict in order to retain some type of treatment credit, we would want to do some aeration to the lagoons to prove what's going on out there. WE would probably pump everything to Sioux falls for a series of years, eliminate cell 1, put aeration in cell 2, and keep cell 3 for when Sioux falls has a high capacity day and we aren't able to pump so we have some place to store that water which is another \$2-4 million worth of improvements.

Cheryl Dedinger

- You've done a timeline of what's happened historically but what is going to happen moving forward? Where is the timeline for that? You have your options and you know what land is available so you surely must know a date.

Mayor Van Luvanee

- As Andrew explained, we will be making a decision soon. We will be identifying our options. We are currently looking for land which could take a while. We cannot give a date as too many factors are involved. If you review our timeline, we have made decisions but costs have changed which have forced us to change our decision. We do our due diligence on reviewing all factors but certain things have changed.

Cheryl Dedinger

- You say there was a curve ball thrown. Why did you not know about that? Someone dropped a ball there. You are telling me that someone just said by the way we are going to slip in these costs? Or was someone not paying attention and those costs were there the entire time anyway? It wasn't addressed as to why those costs weren't already known.

Mayor Van Luvanee

- We weren't the ones that came in with different costs.

Andrew Pietrus

- We have only been looking for land for 1-year. To put a timeline on land acquisition affects the costs of available land options, and also loses are ability to negotiate with Sioux Falls.
- We would like to get the same deal from Sioux Falls that Brandon has; not having to pay for existing connections. Brandon didn't have to pay for it because they had been a member. We would rather not pay the \$4 million to Sioux Falls and use it for our projects.
- There was a series of meetings that happened during the regional study process. When regionalization was proposed, there was not a SDC. At the time, there was not a multiplier attached to pumping. During a series of meetings, some developers came to the city of Sioux Falls and said they have had to pay fees to the city when we pay for our plats that help build the wastewater system, and now Harrisburg is going to get a free pass on those charges and land will become too cheap down there to develop. These developers proposed the SDC. The SDC is what created the multiplier. So not only did we suddenly learn it would cost \$4 million extra to buy in, but we would also pay twice the pumping rate until we buy in, and also that is would be \$2,300 for every new home going forward.

Jimmy Diaz

- So, what I gather from everything explained tonight is for playing a boo-hoo it's not fair that Brandon is paying this cost. Prices change, cost increased. I don't understand why we are saying Brandon got to pay this in 'x' year

and why can't we pay that now. To me that's what it seems like is a big cry baby session of Sioux Falls is going to charge us this, we don't want to pay that because you guys allowed somebody else to pay this. It is what it is. I don't go in to Target and say, hey, you charged somebody \$29.99 for that, I'm not paying \$32.99 for it. That's not fair. You pay the \$32.99 if that's what you want.