

March 12, 2025

Council President Mr. Martin called the March 12, 2025 Special Belpre City Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The roll was called with the following members present: Mr. Ambrozy, Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Locke, Ms. Riffle and Mr. Seebaugh. Also present was Mayor Abdella, Safety-Service Director Mr. Kirby, City Law Director Mr. Webster, and Clerk of Council Mrs. Meredith. Not present at the meeting was City Auditor Mrs. Nolan and Treasurer Mrs. Cassidy.

Council President Mr. Martin asked everyone to please rise for the Prayer and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. President of Council Mr. Martin gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL – AGENDA items only –

President of Council Mr. Martin stated that there is two pieces of legislation before you this evening. They are as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A CONDITIONAL NOTICE OF AWARD TO STONEGATE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR WATER TANK SUPPLY MAIN AND VARIOUS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING SUCH ACTION AN EMERGENCY.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A CONDITIONAL NOTICE OF AWARD TO MID ATLANTIC STORAGE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR 2.5 MG WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT AND DECLARING SUCH ACTION AN EMERGENCY.

No one appeared to speak on the two pieces of legislation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ambrozy stated that before we begin, I would like to explain what each piece of legislation is about.

Contract B is the installation of 2355 LF of 10" PVC C900 pipe on Farson Street and Richmiller Ln, as well as the installation of 1650 LF of 6" PVC C900 pipe on Barclay Rd, Pride Ave, and Mead St. There will be a total of 31 water service connections.

Contract A is the construction of a new 2.5 MG Water Storage Tank in the Northwest area of the City of Belpre which is west of Laurel Estates Apartments.

Mr. Locke addressed the fact that both of these ordinances came in under budget. Mr. Ambrozy stated that this is correct. Mr. Locke replied that this was phenomenal.

Mr. Ferguson asked how we are going to pay for these projects? Mayor Abdella stated that she was going to refer back to 2021-2022 when council approved the \$2.00 and \$4.00 fee on every water bill. You will now see these Funds as 5505 and 5506 on the Treasurer's Report. The debt service we will have to pay for the water tank we have enough to cover the expense of what we owe from the city. The \$150,000 that is generated annually from the \$2.00 and \$4.00 fee plus the \$150,000 we will receive this year will cover the capital expenditures. Going forward we will have a loan through WSRLA that will cover the loan that will go out to Year 2052 or 2055. That loan will be a debt service annually of \$260,000. That is why the numbers that are generated with the water rate increase are so critical. That is how the first one gets paid for. The water line is another loan that will cost around \$75,000 per year because that \$2.00 fund rakes in about \$75,000. We have the money to cover the first piece of this. We have a designed loan for this. Once all of this stuff is put together, I will be able to bring you a list of the loans that we are responsible for. Mr. Ferguson stated that he feels this is what Jesse was requesting that Erica and I are working on. Jesse wants to see it placed in the legislation so when you are moving money you know what funds the money is being removed from and what fund(s) they are going to.

Mr. Seebaugh asked if the 10" water line was going to replace something or is it the feed from the new tower down? Mayor Abdella stated that yes, it is a new line. The other line that is coming down is old and it is 20 feet below the interstate. They are going to bring it up. They are going to make it so there is a loop to the hospital and they will never be without water. They are also going to replace a line on Barclay.

Mr. Locke asked that the \$4.00 we bring in will it make the payments on the \$4 million dollars and will we have to add to it. Mayor Abdella stated that it brings in \$150,000 annually and we will have to cover the rest of the debt service.

Mr. Ambrozy brought before council for first reading **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A CONDITIONAL NOTICE OF AWARD TO STONEGATE CONSTRUCTION INC FOR WATER TANK SUPPLY MAIN AND VARIOUS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING SUCH ACTION AN EMERGENCY.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ambrozy moved to suspend the rule of council on three different days to allow for the second and third readings of **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A CONDITIONAL NOTICE OF AWARD TO STONEGATE CONSTRUCTION INC FOR WATER TANK SUPPLY MAIN AND VARIOUS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING SUCH ACTION AN EMERGENCY.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

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WATER TANK SUPPLY MAIN AND VARIOUS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING SUCH ACTION AN EMERGENCY. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ambrozy moved this be **Ordinance 18, 2024-2025** and duly passed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

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Mr. Ambrozy moved this be **Ordinance 19, 2024-2025** and duly passed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Locke asked what the timeline was on the beginning of this project. According to Mayor Abdella they will begin construction once they receive the needed paperwork. I have to have the paper work to the engineer by March 15th, 2025, they will then send to the EPA, we will have 60 days until the companies have the final documentation and they will begin. Mayor Abdella stated that the goal is to have it done by the end of the year or the first quarter of next year.

Adjourn:

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Council President Mr. Martin

Lindsay Dennis president pro-tem

Clerk of Belpre City Council Mrs. Meredith

Kimberly J. Meredith