

CITY OF MOULTON
WORK SESSION
MAY 8, 2017
@ 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Weatherwax

Council Members: Brent White
Jason White
Joyce Jeffreys
Denise Lovett
Cassandra Lee

The meeting was opened by Mayor Weatherwax asking Mark Heflin to introduce the engineers from Municipal Consultants.

Mark Heflin introduced the gentlemen Stuckey Godfrey and Byron Woods from Municipal Consultants, Inc. to speak about the state that the sewer plant is in. The gentlemen did a PowerPoint presentation to show the areas at the sewer treatment plant and explain what ADEM had given notice to the City of Moulton concerning violations. Many of the areas at the sewer plant had been under water at various times when we received large amounts of rain and this was documented thru pictures that Mark Heflin had taken. The sludge pond is a big issue that is in need of immediate attention, the plant was built around 55 years ago, with changes and additions made at 40 years, 25 years and the newest part is 20 years old. The engineers gave praise to Mark Heflin and his managing of the system that was not designed to carry the load that he had been handling at all. All that can be done with the system at its current state has been done above and beyond any expectations anyone could imagine. The suggestion from the engineers is to buy a press machine that would be built on an enclosed platform and that would process the sludge so it would not be put into the lagoon and would rather have the water displaced and reduced to a substance that would then be hauled away. The cost for a set-up like they would like to be put in place could be done at an estimated cost of \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 of course more research is to be done and all avenues will be looked at to obtain the funds to do what is necessary.

Mayor Weatherwax and Council listened to presentation and were in agreement that from the information it was necessary to proceed to making upgrades or the necessary changes to try to meet ADEM requirements and stay in compliance. The most cost effective approach is what will be pursued at the advice of Mark Heflin and engineers.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

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