

COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION
JANUARY 14, 2019

Charles City city council met in special session on January 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: Keith Starr, Jerry Joerger, DeLaine Freeseaman, Dan Mallaro, Michael Hammond. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers, city engineer John Fallis and city attorney Brad Sloter.

Motion by Freeseaman, second Mallaro to approve the agenda. Ayes - 5

Negotiations have been ongoing for purchase of property located near the city's wastewater treatment facility. The proposed expansion of the plant could be done more cost effectively if this property was purchased. The city has already purchased the McEnany property and adding this property to that would allow construction of an earthen basin rather than a concrete silo. This design would cost less to construct and also yield savings in future maintenance and operation of the plant. The price that has been agreed upon is \$125,000. The city would cover taxes and closings costs and the owners would be allowed to stay in the residence without paying any rent until they find another house but no later than September 2019. The assessed value of the property is around \$80,500. Purchasing this property along with the McEnany property will save a net of approximately \$780,000 on construction costs plus the ongoing savings on operational costs. This project is being funded with an SRF loan and both property purchases will be funded with these loan proceeds. The sewer rates will have to be increased but not as much as if we did not realize these savings. Council member Starr introduced Resolution 02-19 entitled, "RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFER TO BUY REAL ESTATE" and moved for adoption. Second to adopt Freeseaman. Resolution duly passed on roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Starr, Joerger, Freeseaman, Hammond, Mallaro. Nays - none

Motion by Starr, second Mallaro to adjourn. Ayes - 5

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City clerk