

**all in favor, motion carried.** Discussion: the software works with our fund accounting and the meters will be in within a week. The hand held is out four to six weeks and looking at initiating the water system in August. RWH would like to get on line as soon as possible.

- ❖ **Resident Informational Letter;** nearly ready to send to the assessed areas. Councilor Paul Briggs; it is very well put together. Councilor Brian Breider; the hook up time is it 2-5 years. We should encourage sooner than later. Councilor Paul Briggs; it is a complex issue; I would like to see it moved up substantially. Some residents that abut neighbors with septic and water issues have a situation that could be catastrophic to some of the neighbors. Discussion: Councilor Kevin McDermott is everyone comfortable with putting the letter out as is? Councilor Brian Breider: correct the price of the meter typo page 3 section d. correct to \$195. We've talked about using Gold Rush dollars; but how do you manage it, we will have to rely on the residents to get it done. The letter lists possible funding ideas. Rob Matthias with OCHRA is willing do meetings for residents to explain the programs. There is the USDA loan and grant program; they would probably come and talk to people. Floyd Whitaker takes care of the Olmsted Soil and Water Conservation District. The complexity of going on private property and the liability involved; Councilor Kevin McDermott: take out clean water legacy funding. City Engineer Joe Palen; page 2 the deadline is stated as August 1, 2015 which is the 5 year timeline. **Councilor Paul Briggs motioned to amend the Ordinance to 2.5 years for hook up. Motion dies for lack of a second.**

- ❖ **Ordinance Revision Suggestions**

- **Allowed piping:** Ordinance reads: Type K copper tubing or approved equal shall be used. Is it necessary to change the Ordinance to include the actual listing of PVC or is it sufficient as is. Discussion: Is there a permit required? Yes. If Byron thinks its equal then there is no problem. If it is private property it would be their expense. If there is a leak it would not reach the meter and the water would leak into the ground. Rather than say use copper or "approved equal"; say "pvc with a tracer wire." Everything they do needs to meet the building code. If you specify down the line they may come out with something better and then it could not be used. City Engineer Joe Palen; most cities do specify. Attorney Fred Suhler; at this point it is a non issue. City Engineer Joe Palen; should include a need for a locate wire if not using copper. Councilor Brian Breider; RWH had to have the copper. City Engineer Joe Palen; copper prices have gone up and the city has used poly ethylene and Ellingson has already installed some homes, do you specify a material that is double the price? In the letter it states to include a tracer wire. As far as the Ordinance goes what would need to be done to tweak it? Include more specific info on what would be acceptable but if you leave it, who decides. Attorney Fred Suhler: you cal allow specific only or can say approved equal and define who stipulates it. City Engineer Joe Palen: Use copper, HDP and PVC with a tracer wire. There are different thickness and ratings for HDP and PVC; it is difficult to understand. Attorney Fred Suhler: The letter and the Ordinance are appropriate. Discussion: Deadline to connect? Take out the 2015 deadline the 2-5 years was to give time for those with newer wells to get some use out of them. More will probably connect than we think. There are more that need this that don't; the cost may prohibit some of them. The City will need to send out letters and track when the time runs out; how do you police it? The city may need a court order. When a well goes bad you want it tomorrow and their already paying for it. Maybe explain that it's good to connect and cap the well; Have the 2-5 years and City Council is entertaining shortening the deadline to 3 years. Due to growing health concerns. City council can look at it again within the next few months when a full City