

## Water Sewer Committee meeting

The Vergas Water/Sewer committee met at the City Office on Tuesday, August 23, 2023 with the following present: Natalie Fischer, Logan Dahlgren, Julie Lammers, Josh Hanson, Alyssa Ohman and Mike Summers.

### Lawrence Lake Acres

Josh Hanson explained he is moving forward with the final plat and would like to proceed with wells and rural sewer systems due to cost. Mike Summers explained the lots would be difficult to sell with assessments of more than \$25,000 - \$30,000 on them.

### Water and Sewer Funding

Reviewed costs of Water and Sewer and the ability for the City to help with these costs due to the gains for the city. Within the first year with the current fee schedule the City would receive \$31,464 for water and \$30,24.00 in sewer if the average usage of 5,000 gallons were used. If the City extends water and sewer to this development, it would also be able to extend the water and sewer to the 5 lots across the road on West Lake Street. Discussed charging either \$25,000 (bringing in \$600,000) or \$30,000 (bringing in \$720,000) to cover the cost of city water and sewer lines. The County has a grant for \$100,000.00. Scott Kolbinger, KLJ Engineering provided us with an estimate of \$1,276,807.00. The sewer fund would need to cover the lift station for \$225,000.00. Lammers will contact Engineer Jeff Kuhn regarding estimate and lowering it by the remaining \$231,806.00. This is approximately the amount for the 25% contingency. The city could look at either bonding or securing a loan with MN Rural Water for the project.

Meeting adjourned until more information can be provided.

Julie Lammers  
City Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Vergas

### **Follow up actions:**

Lammers to contact Josh Hanson to discuss assessments.  
Lammers to contact Engineer regarding cost estimates.  
Lammers to get bond and loan information for the project.