

Missouri American Water and City of Peculiar Board of Aldermen Public Meeting
March, 9, 2020
To be located at:

A public meeting with Missouri American Water and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Peculiar, Missouri was held at the Peculiar Lions Club located at 500 Schug Ave., Peculiar Missouri @ 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020.

The following Aldermen were present during the public meeting: Tom Broadhurst, Kyle Gillespie, Jeff Harlan, and Jared Borden. Mayor Stark was also present.

1. Public Comments and Questions Regarding the Possible Sale of the City of Peculiar Water/Waste Water System to Missouri American Water Should the Sale be Approved by Voters at the April 7, 2020 Election.

Interim City Administrator, Carl Brooks opened discussions and went over details of the offer made to the City of Peculiar by Missouri American Water. Mr. Brooks then introduced Missouri American Water representative, Jody Carlson and President Debra Dewy. Mrs. Dewy briefly went over the history of MAW and the reiterated their business consisted of solely serving water and sewer customers. Mrs. Dewy and Mr. Carlson went on to inform those present of the following:

- MAW serves \$1.5 million customers in 200 communities and communities over 700 employees.
- \$629 billion needed over the next ten to keep water and sewer services functioning across the country. \$18.5 million investment needed over the next five years in the state of Missouri years to maintain current infrastructure.
- The \$10 million investment MAW will make to the community's water and sewer infrastructure will go toward waste water treatment plant, lift station, and water pipe upgrades.
- MAW will offer positions to current City of Peculiar water/sewer employees
- MAW is involved in the communities it serves and participates in community activities.
- MAW has two customer service centers
- MAW provides multiple ways for customers to receive bills and notifications.
- MAW utility rates increases must be approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission and take about a year and a half to be approved.
- Rate increases happen roughly every 3-4 years.
- The last rate increase was in 2018

MAW representatives, City Staff, and members of the Board of Aldermen then addressed questions and comments from the public.

Mr. Carlson brought the meeting to a close at 8:30 p.m.

Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes were transcribed by Cyndora Gauthreaux, Deputy City Clerk.



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