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## **Minutes of the Special Meeting, Public Hearing on April 23, 2018**

**Present:** Mayor Brown and Councilmembers Jeffko, Levine, Moreno Ritter and Sackman.

**Staff:** Johnson and Attwood

The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was given by all.

**This meeting was advertised as a public hearing to discuss the proposed creation of a new utility fund, a Storm-Water Fund, the proposed fees for the fund and any other related issues.** Jeff Moran, Varela and Associates, was in attendance and gave a brief synopsis of the need for a storm-water utility. Jeff stated the City is trying to be on a pro-active basis and not a re-active basis as far as storm water is concerned. Planning is the first phase of several phases in the process. Kurt Danison was also in attendance and he stated it is timely for the City to be doing this as it is not required now but will be in the near future and puts us ahead of other communities. Several people in the audience asked pertinent questions about the current storm drain system and why are residents going to be charged for this new utility. It was replied the City has not had extra funds to continually repair the drainage system that is why some of the drains may not be working and all persons in the City share in storm water--- a lot of the water is coming from the residential area which then ends up in the downtown.

There was continued discussion on the rates, \$1.50 per residential unit per month and \$3.00 per business unit per month. It was stated this amount will be used to pay off the loan in a year and then it can be decided at that time if a new rate will be looked at or the rate will stay the same.

Jeff Moran suggested the Council form an advisory committee to be made up of a few local persons as committee members and Councilmembers, to be part of the process.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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**Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer**