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EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: July 11, 2025

EMPLOYEES
Emily Bessette
Ashley Madden
Overbrook PD

Time: 7:00pm

Location: City Council Room, City Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Mayor Anthony DaPrato.

Community Members

Carol Flechsig had concerns that her daycare was located on 137th Street. She has Rural Water District 5 water, but firehoses bringing water into the town go across the bottom of her driveway.

Other citizens wanted estimated time of repairs.

Dustin Bretsnyder explained that there was a six-inch waterline in an 18 foot sleeve that ran under US Highway 75. RDR was on seen and working on uncovering the line. Photos were shown of damage and progress. There were at least two holes in the pipe. RDR's machinery should be able to pull out the current pipe and slide the new one in. Bretsnyder was hopeful to have water in the town later in the day.

Citizens were advised to watch the website, news, Facebook and text messages for updates.

Bretsnyder stated on June 20th there was a report of water in the ditch by the apartments. A water sample showed no chlorine making them believe it was runoff. Him and his team went out on several occasions tracking and testing the water. On July 10th Bretsnyder spotted water bubbling out of the ground. His crew began looking for the leak. It wasn't until late that evening that the water flow picked up and the water tower levels began dropping. Multiple city officials came in and worked late hours. The fire department was a huge help to public works.

They plan to replace the six-inch line with an eight-inch line.

Citizen Mike spoke. Bretsnyder was hopeful that the line would be able to be pushed or pulled out.

Fire Chief Ken Bucholz came up with the idea of running the house from the East side of the highway to the West side. Doing so gave the city water in case of emergencies.

Jeremy Keen wanted to know why people say they don't drink Carbondale water and asked what the issue was. Bretsnyder let him know that routine testing is done and that all results are available by KDHE. Bretsnyder did believe that finding this leak and replacing this old line would help with color, taste and smell. He did note that different types of lines in individual houses may play a role as well.

Tim Robitaille couldn't say enough positive things about Maintenance supervisor, Bretsnyder. He spoke on the history of the town and about its infrastructure. He noted how much he appreciates all the hard work all the crews are putting in.

Community members had questions about the size of the line, the sleeve is 18-inches, and the water line is going from six inches to eight inches.

If crews cannot get the old line out and a new line put in, the project could last days to weeks. With that timeline Flechsig was concerned about pickup and dropping off at her daycare, ramps were discussed.

The water tower was 12.96 feet during the meeting. When the tower is full it sits at 29.5 feet. Once the leak is fixed and the tower is full citizens will need to help flush lines by using water.

Discussion on infrastructure stating that the water plant was updated in 2006 or 2007 and believed the new water tower was placed in 2004. These dates were rough guessing off the top of Bretsnyder's head.

David Katt had multiple questions that were answered as well as Keen. Water samples are pulled from around the town and sent to KDHE. Some of the tests include carbon, bacteria, microcystins, total coliform, e. coli, chlorine residual, atrazine, trimethylamine acid and others. Bretsnyder reminded the public that they can see the results at any time on KDHE website. Discoloration in water does not mean that it is contaminated.

The City discussed getting a water buffalo for citizens to get drinking water from. City Clerk will look into getting a water buffalo or bottled water. Motion by Moore to get a water buffalo from National Guard/Army, 2nd by K. Seals, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Moore, 2nd by Ball, motion carried at 12:36pm.