Mayor Magdits called the workshop to order at approximately 5:10 p.m. and then turned the floor over to Public Works Director Steve Hargis.

Mr. Hargis began by noting the City entered into a Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA) with the Department of Natural Sources (DNR) to eliminate wet weather storm water clarifiers. He explained the City has storm water clarifiers at the Southeast Treatment Plant and Vichy Road Treatment Plant. The clarifiers treat the excess water (inflow and infiltration (I&I)) and then it travels through a separate outflow. Mr. Hargis told the Council that a few years ago the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) informed the City it could no longer do this. All of the sewage must come out of one pipe, go through a full treatment process, and meet requirements. The City negotiated a VCA with the Missouri DNR to give the City time to be able to find where the I&I is coming from and eliminate as much as possible, design a system that would handle excess flow, and help meet the present and future requirements of the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Hargis informed the Council the VCA would expire in 2021.
Following his comments, Mr. Hargis introduced Mr. Trent Stober with HDR Engineering, Inc., who commented on the regulatory challenges and the integrated planning framework. Mr. Stober indicated HDR is working with the City to balance those challenges so the City can take on and maintain affordability with the ratepayers. He added the City has an obligation with the State to run its wastewater facilities in a manner to meet all federal and state requirements.

Councilman Crowell entered the meeting at approximately 5:44 p.m.

Mr. Michael Kalis with HDR Engineering, Inc. then expanded on the improvements at the City’s three wastewater treatment plant facilities. He provided an estimate of the probable cost for the improvements.

City Counselor Lance Thurman entered the meeting at approximately 6:06 p.m.

Following discussion, Public Works Director Steve Hargis reviewed the proposed project schedule and financing. He pointed out the bottom line is that something must be in place by 2021 or the City will be out of compliance with the VCA. Additionally, staff is trying to time this to where our existing debt load is being paid off as new improvements are completed. Mr. Hargis noted a bond election would need to be held on November 6, 2018, asking permission from the voters to borrow money from the SRF (State Revolving Fund) program. The loan closing could be done in conjunction with the bids received on the project.

City Administrator John Butz mentioned a few months before the November 6 election the Council would be asked to approve an ordinance calling for a bond election.

(B) Adjournment: The workshop adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Carol Daniels.

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CITY CLERK     MAYOR

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