



Citizens of Maryville... Your Vote Counts!

Vote April 3, 2012

What will Voters be Deciding?

Voters will be deciding whether the City of Maryville should issue bonds to pay for required improvements to the City's wastewater system. Following is the official ballot language:



OFFICIAL BALLOT SPECIAL ELECTION MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

QUESTION

Shall the City of Maryville, Missouri, issue its combined waterworks and sewerage system revenue bonds in the amount of \$13,750,000 for the purpose of extending and improving the wastewater system of the City, the cost of operation and maintenance of said system and the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the City from the operation of the combined waterworks and sewerage system, including all future extensions and improvements thereto?

YES []

NO []



Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this project necessary?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) have issued new regulations which will require the City to upgrade its wastewater treatment facilities to remove ammonia and provide disinfection. The existing lagoons are not capable of achieving these requirements; therefore, the City must construct a new Mechanical Treatment Plant.

Is this project required?

Yes. The new regulations are legally binding requirements under the Clean Water Act. The City is required to achieve compliance with them within a specified timeframe or they will be subject to penalties and/or fines.

What are the proposed improvements ?

The proposed improvements consist of primary treatment (screening and grit removal), secondary treatment (aeration, biodegradation, and clarification), and tertiary treatment (disinfection and reoxygenation).

The new facilities will be designed to accommodate 2.0 million gallons per day (mgd), which is an increase over the current lagoon capacity of 1.7 mgd.

The existing lagoons will be used to store peak flows that occur during wet weather, and to store the biosolids generated by the plant.

How much will this project cost?

The total estimated project cost is projected at \$13.75 million dollars.

How will the project be paid for?

If the bond election passes, the project will be paid for with Revenue Bonds which are supported by the users of the system through your water and sewer bill. These Revenue Bonds will be State and Federal Tax free and will, therefore, have a low interest rate.

What will it cost me?

The impact on combined water and sewer rates as the project is implemented is estimated to be a 25-30% increase, the additional revenues to be applied to the principal and interest on the bonds, plus additional operation and maintenance.

What if the election fails?

The City will be required to complete the project regardless of whether the election passes or fails. The City will have to use different financial options such as Certificates of Participation (Lease Purchase), which have a higher interest rate than the tax exempt revenue bonds. This additional cost will be passed on in the water and sewer bills every month. The Certificates of Participation can be issued by the City as an annual appropriation without a vote of the people.

Schedule

Bond Election	4/3/2012
Complete Engineering	3/1/2013
Regulatory Approval	9/1/2013
Initiate Construction	12/1/2013
Complete Construction	4/1/2015
Achieve Compliance with New Discharge Limits	7/1/2015

Date, Time, & Place of Voting

Date: April 3, 2012

Time: 6:00 am to 7:00 pm

Polling Places:

First Christian Church
201 West 3rd Street

Laura Street Baptist Church
120 South Laura Street

Maryville Schools Superintendent's Office
1429 South Munn Street