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About five years ago, a member of the Osceola city Council informed me that, the city sewer system began to overflow from several of Osceola Street sewer system(s) throughout our city.

McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc was hired to study the issues(s) of Osceola Sewer System(s) for issues affecting the system(s). They also were to give their opinion(s) on how to solve the overflows issues as needed.

McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc informed the City of Osceola, Arkansas, the issues affecting the sewer system and advises Osceola of the three-step process to insure our city sewer system works properly:

1. The city should upgrade the Elm Street Pump Station, Smoke Test and line areas of old pipe and upgrade the Country Club Pump Station because the City of Osceola, Ark located Big River Steel.

The City of Osceola, Ark also allows other industries to the area which created jobs. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) agreed to give the city a grant of several million dollars to pay for these improvements. The first step was completed.

2. The Second Step was to upgrade and expand the Phillips Pump Station. The Phillips Pump Station is almost completed, and it expands our Lagoon. The Lagoon work is in progress.

3. The Third Step was to schedule to bid on contractors in the Spring of 2019.

The City of Osceola, Arkansas has decided to put this Bid for Contract on hold under the direction of Mayor Sally Wilson. Mayor Wilson Stated the following. **“if the cost results in an increase in the sewer rate, she wants approve.”** Mayor Wilson and Councilmembers, we all must support and insure our sewer are properly function or you can renege and continue to do nothing, and the citizens suffer in raw sewage's.

The EDA has been patient with the city. Regardless of the cost. Who wants to live in a neighborhood with RAW SEWRAGE coming through the sewer system?

Our children's travel through our streets during the time these issues occurs.

Sincerely

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