

Public Utility Committee met on Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Attendance: Committee members, Randy Larson, Dave Carlson, Ryker Todd, Mayor Tom Thatcher, Public Works Director Todd Peterson and Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Hess.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open meeting laws were met

Purpose of the meeting to discuss and make recommendations for:

1. Approval of 2025 Sewer Budget, REC and Volumetric Charge
2. Approval of 2025 Water Budget and rate

The REC (residential equivalency charge) is determined by the previous year's usage. The current REC charge is \$40.00 per quarter and the volumetric charge is \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons. The proposed rate increase from Davy Engineering is REC \$41.00 per quarter and volumetric charge \$10.60 per 1,000 gallons for 2025. That is an increase of 3.4% partially because of the reduction in RECs from 1,192 to 1,154.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the 2025 sewer budget, REC charge and volumetric charges as presented for 2025; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -3, Nays -0, Motion carried.

The water budget income has stayed consistent over the last 3 years. The late charge revenue has decreased due to the autopay. There has not been a rate increase since 2015.

The majority of the expenses are proposed to stay the same except for a request to replace the roof on well 4 \$33,500 and purchase scales for the well \$12,000 by Todd Peterson. If approved the budget could have a net income of (42,987.50). This could be offset by using the fund balance from previous years. Jennifer cautioned the committee that if the 2025 proposed West Side project costs are approved it will use some of the fund balance as well.

Increasing the water rate will be reviewed in 2025.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the 2025 water budget as presented; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -3, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to adjourn; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -3, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Submitted by Chair, Randy Larson