

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
September 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas was held at the Council Chamber, located at 6116 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023. A teleconference was held via Zoom; staff and meeting attendees were welcomed in the Council Chamber.

Composing a quorum were:
Mayor Bobby Rosenthal
Mayor Pro Tem Blake M. Bonner
Councilmember Lawson Jessee
Councilmember Karl P. Baker – Via Zoom
Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke
Councilmember John Savage

Also attending were:
City Manager Buddy Kuhn
Assistant City Manager Phil Laney
City Attorney Frank J. Garza
City Secretary Elsa T. Robles
Director of Finance Robert Galindo
Community Development Services Director Lety Hernandez
Police Chief Rick Pruitt
Fire Chief Michael Gdovin
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan
Deputy Police Chief Cindy Pruitt

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Mayor Bobby Rosenthal opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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Item # 1 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Rosenthal asked City Council for a motion on the August 24, 2023 Beautification Workshop Meeting minutes. Councilmember Lawson Jessee moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke and passed by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Rosenthal asked City Council for a motion on the August 28, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes. Councilmember Jessee moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burke and passed by a 4-0 vote.

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Announcements

Item # 2 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

12th Annual National Night Out, October 3rd

Assistant to City Manager Jennifer Reyna announced the City’s 12th Annual National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It will be held in the rear parking lot of City Hall. She stated it is a fun family-oriented event and encouraged the public to join in on the fun and public safety. Ms. Reyna noted several sponsors have signed up to include: Meals on Wheels, Central Market, Raising Canes, Next Level Urgent Care and RBFCU.

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Item # 3 Citizens to be Heard

Mr. Brad Oxford, resident, expressed concern regarding maintenance of the alley behind his house. It has become overgrown and was advised by staff that residents were responsible for the upkeep of this alley. He did not agree and asked Council to please look into the situation.

Ms. Nicole Hudson, resident, stated she and other residents had a safety concern regarding the lack of a sidewalk on the Southwest corner of Harrison & Townsend Avenues across from Cambridge Elementary School. Parents and children often are forced to walk along the street, to and from school. She presented Council with a petition to “Keep Our School/Neighborhood Safe, Sidewalks & Curbs for Safe Kids” signed by 132 residents and asked Council to work on this issue.

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Mayor Rosenthal announced Item # 7 would be heard first.

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Staff Reports

Item # 7 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Notice of Intent to expand the existing commercial use building and reconstruction of the existing parking lot on the property located at 4821 Broadway St.

Community Development Services Department Director Lety Hernandez stated she was presenting a notice of intent to expand for the commercial use building located at 4821 Broadway St., H.E.B. Central Market. They propose an addition to the existing building and improvements to the current parking lot. She reviewed the existing conditions, renderings of proposed addition, and site plan that included landscaping improvements.

Ms. Hernandez stated an Architectural Review Board (ARB) review is required and any recommendation will require Council's review and approval. The case will be heard at the September 19, 2023 ARB meeting for a preliminary review. A formal review has not been submitted by the applicant; however, technical and administrative reviews of proposed elevations and landscaping plans will be required to ensure compliance with current building and zoning code regulations.

Mr. Brad Pease, representing H.E.B., stated the project is allowing them to replace the parking lot and make it more favorable for customers. He noted they will be taking advantage of the old post office space to add a produce dock. He stated the mailboxes will be relocated.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 4 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Discussion and possible action concerning an ordinance amending Chapter 19, Water and Sewer, Article III. – Conservation of Groundwater of the City's Code of Ordinances to amend the groundwater use reduction program and add groundwater use surcharge fees

Assistant City Manager Phil Laney stated this was a follow up item from prior discussions made at the two regular-session Council meetings in August. The proposals reflect the feedback received and center around strategies to reduce water consumption during critical periods of drought. Mr. Laney advised the modified proposal includes three elements:

- Incorporate Stage 5 into the Code, *the current code only acknowledges critical stages up to Stage 4*
- Enhance enforcement – 2 warnings & then citation on 3rd violation, *there was support for enhanced enforcement of observed water violations, particularly those who receive more than 2 violation notices. Upon the 3rd violation, citations would be issued.*
- Revise groundwater use surcharge fee, raise qualifying threshold to 2,301 cf/month (top 15-30% of users), recalculate surcharge fee to begin at threshold, *groundwater use surcharge fee has been revised to raise the qualifying threshold at more than 2,300 cubic feet in a month. This amounts to approximately 15 to 30% of users. In addition to raising the threshold for the fee to begin, the surcharge fee has been recalculated to only apply to the amount of water used above the threshold.*

The City remains in Stage 4 and has been for over 50 days. Since 2011, 2023 had the highest consumption from January to August (2.4% higher than 2022) and August 2023 is the highest usage month during this time period. If there is no change in behavior, the 2023 pumping projections are 2,015 to 2,190 AF, or 13% to 23% more than the revised allotment per the Edward Aquifer Authority (EAA) allotment of 1,788 AF.

Mr. Laney advised staff has had direct conversations with the EAA since the last Council meeting and confirmed that penalties could be assessed if the City exceeds revised allotment. If the City uses what the current projections are, the penalties from EAA could total \$60 to \$110K.

To mitigate groundwater usage, staff suggests incorporating Stage 5 into the City Code – by amending the current ordinance; stricter enforcement for water violations (2 warnings & citation on 3rd violation) – currently in ordinance & being implemented by AHPD since August 14, 2023. They have issue about 400 violations, 50 are repeat offenders and 7 citations have been issued. Additionally, staff proposes to revise groundwater use surcharge fee’s threshold & recalculate.

Mr. Laney reviewed the proposed surcharge fees for those using over 2,301 cubic feet or more.

Monthly Groundwater Use Surcharge Fee for 2,301 cubic feet (cf) or more					
Account Type	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Non-Irrigation	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Irrigation	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$10.00

- Monthly surcharge fee assessed for users over 2,301 cf (~17,200 gals.) on every 100 cf of water consumed above the 2,300 cf threshold
- Non-Irrigation accounts include residential, multi-family, institutional & commercial users

Mr. Laney noted the fees increase as the stages progress. The fees in this latest version have been reduced from what was previously presented to Council. The range in the last option viewed were \$2 to \$15 for the 2,301 of more. The revised fees are \$1 to \$8. Per Council recommendation, the fees would be applied on the usage amount over the threshold.

Mr. Laney continued to explain estimated fees for customers in respect to water consumption.

Sample Groundwater Surcharge Fees for Customers using 2,301 cf or more			
Customer/Location & Consumption	Stage 1	Stage 3	Stage 5
Any user – 2,300 cf or less	N/A	N/A	N/A
Residential – 3,000 cf	\$7	\$21	\$56
5000 Broadway, Commercial – 17,000 cf	\$150	\$440	\$1,200
5800 Broadway, Irrigation – 19,000 cf	\$330	\$700	\$1,700
AH Swimming Pool, Institutional – 30,000 cf	\$275	\$830	\$2,200

Mr. Laney closed by stating the proposed ordinance will update Chapter 19 – Water & Sewer, Article III – Conservation of Groundwater to incorporate the water reduction measures,

add stage 5 into the critical drought periods, and propose the groundwater surcharge fees for customers that consume 2,301 cf or more during critical drought stages.

Mayor Rosenthal opened the public hearing at 5:56 p.m.

Mrs. Belinda Scholz, resident stated she and her husband own a house & an apartment building in the city and wanted to know if the surcharge fees, if collected, would be refunded to residents or how they would be used.

Mr. Laney advised any revenue collected would be deposited into the Utility Fund and the use would be appropriated by Council. Council added they may elect to use these funds to pay for any fees assessed from the EAA or to purchase more water rights.

Mayor Rosenthal closed the public hearing at 5:57 p.m.

Council discussed current situation with the overall water usage in the city. They shared ideas on how to inform the public before implementing any surcharges and enforcement measures. City Manager Buddy Kuhn stated per city ordinance, enforcement was already in effect. To inform residents, staff could include information in the billing newsletter; however, this did not guarantee they would read it. Council agreed and suggested sending out warning mailers.

Mayor Pro Tem Blake M. Bonner shared his concerns with implementing surcharges for apartment complexes having single meters. Ms. Scholz, owner of one of these complexes addressed the Council and advise they could not pass through the surcharges to tenants if they were on a lease. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner noted staff would need to study this more and find a better solution.

Council questioned potential surcharge revenue totals from top water users. Mr. Kuhn stated he did not have that data and pointed out this initiative was never about additional revenue for the city, but more of a behavior change to conserve water. Since this was the third time staff brought this item before Council, he suggested Council form a committee of two Councilmembers to address additional concerns they may have. Mayor Rosenthal agreed and suggest Mayor Pro Tem Bonner and Councilmember Baker form that committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner suggested hiring additional people that would be responsible for issuing citations day/night. Mr. Kuhn noted staff had written 400 warnings in less than a month. Councilmember Jessee stated this idea could be discussed during the proposed Council committee meeting.

Mr. Kuhn noted Mr. Laney had worked hard on this item, gathering data each time to address Council's concerns and requested Council consider adopting the proposed Stage 5 Water Restrictions. He advised additional surcharge discussions could continue during the Council committee meeting.

Councilmember Billa Burke suggested being proactive in preserving water long-term and not just offering a temporary fix.

Councilmember Karl P. Baker address the Council via Zoom. He stated in terms of collected surcharge fee revenues, that money could be used to address the problem through

enforcement or water conservation. The surcharges need to accommodate different kind of users. He stated the focus needs to be on reducing landscaping water use and stated the City should get to a point where they can do away with the weekly water use restrictions. He added he looked forward to working with Mayor Pro Tem Bonner and staff to discuss further during the committee meeting.

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Jessee moved to adopt Stage 5 water restrictions as presented without implementing water surcharge fees and proposed Mayor Pro Tem Bonner and Councilmember Baker have a breakout session to discuss further measures to bring back to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burke and passed by a 4-0 vote.

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Councilmember Lawson Jessee left the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

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Item # 5 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Presentation and Public Hearing concerning Water/Sewer Rate Study and Meter Assessment

Finance Director Robert Galindo introduced Willdan representatives Dan Jackson and Chris Gaddy who presented the 2023 Rate Update and Meter Assessment.

Mr. Jackson stated they have served as rate consultants for Alamo Heights for the past five years. He stated there would be two parts to the presentation and Mr. Gaddy would be speaking about the meter assessment first.

Mr. Gaddy stated during discussions with staff, there were concerns about how efficient the current water meters were. City staff uses handheld meter readers that cause potential issues with accuracy and timeliness of data. He noted older meters become clogged and deteriorate. Mr. Gaddy advised there are more advance/modern meters available that will provide real time data.

Modern meters can provide real-time data and enables additional services/capabilities such as operating analytics, customer notifications, alarms, customer portals, remote/automated communications, and leak detection. Customer portals are cloud-based access that provide customers with comprehensive self-service and provide staff the tools to operate efficiently.

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Councilmember Karl Baker left the Zoom room at 6:34 p.m.

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Mr. Gaddy stated they conducted a small pilot program in the City and reviewed meter test results. There were 23 old/new meters tested by MARS Company in San Antonio for low, mid, and high flows. 20 out of 23 meters failed AWWA standards at one or all flow rates. Analysis of test results and current meter population indicates an accuracy of 12.7%. A

contractual performance guarantee of 10% improvement in accuracy can be incorporated in a solid-state meter upgrade.

Mr. Gaddy reviewed the cost comparison of a 20-year operation between cellular and fixed base meters. Solid-state meters maintain a high accuracy throughout the life of the system. Real-time data (AMI) can be delivered through cellular or fixed-based technology. He stated San Antonio Water System (SAWS) is currently pursuing one of the countries largest fixed-base, solid state meter upgrades. He noted Alamo Heights would not achieve similar economies of scale and would require negotiating with CES and increase in long-term capital assets to be managed. Mr. Gaddy advised a cellular system would be the most cost effective when including all networking costs over a 20-year period. He suggested the City implement a 20-year purchase plan to include purchasing cellular data upfront so that it does not increase year to year. The cost for replacing all meters in the system with new solid state meters, setting up a network, etc. with a cellular system would be \$3.86M and would cost \$6.21M with a fixed-base system.

Mr. Gaddy presented a potential baseline cashflow projection after testing. He advise the City could apply for grants to help with this project.

Baseline Project Cashflow 20-Year Financing							
	Annual Debt Service	Accuracy Benefits	Operating Savings	Capital Contributions	Grant Awards	Net Project Cash Flow	Cumulative Cashflow
2023	\$ -	\$ 83,286	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,286	\$ 83,286
2024	\$ (288,199)	\$ 166,572	\$ 35,600	\$ 86,027	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,286
2025	\$ (288,199)	\$ 199,482	\$ 36,668	\$ 52,049	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,286
2026	\$ (288,199)	\$ 221,422	\$ 37,768	\$ 29,009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,286
2027	\$ (288,199)	\$ 236,048	\$ 38,901	\$ 13,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,286
2028	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 40,068	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,170	\$ 100,456
2029	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 41,270	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,373	\$ 118,829
2030	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 42,508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,611	\$ 138,440
2031	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 43,784	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,886	\$ 159,326
2032	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 45,097	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,199	\$ 181,525
2033	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 46,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,552	\$ 205,077
2034	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 47,843	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,946	\$ 230,023
2035	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 49,279	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,381	\$ 256,404
2036	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 50,757	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,859	\$ 284,264
2037	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 52,280	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,382	\$ 313,646
2038	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 53,848	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,951	\$ 344,596
2039	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 55,464	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,566	\$ 377,162
2040	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 57,128	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,230	\$ 411,392
2041	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 58,841	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,944	\$ 447,336
2042	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 60,607	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,709	\$ 485,045
2043	\$ (288,199)	\$ 265,301	\$ 62,425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,527	\$ 524,572
	\$ (5,763,976)	\$ 5,151,629	\$ 956,585	\$ 180,335	\$ -	\$ 524,572	

Mr. Gaddy explained accuracy benefits are basically revenue recovery after old meters are replaced. More accurate consumptions are read and consumers are charged accordingly. He discussed water leaks and how they affect the bottom line.

Council discussed replacing meters in phases. Mr. Gaddy stated meters are in high demand and costs may increase. He stated the proposed meters are made in the U.S.A and are cost effective. He explained these meters operate the same as cellular text messages.

Mr. Kuhn stated technology such as can help notify consumers through texts/notifications about water consumption, etc. After a brief discussion, Mr. Kuhn suggested Council hear the next presentation on water rates.

Mr. Jackson presented on water & wastewater rates. He stated Willdan conducted the last rate study in 2018 where they recommended the City implement a 5-year rate plan. He noted the City had increase rates the first two years; however, like other cities, suspended its rate plan due to the COVID pandemic and has not had a rate increase since 2020. Mr. Jackson stated the average utility provider across the country raises its rates 5-6% every year. As a result, the City's water & sewer margins are very thin and revenues are barely covering costs. If this continues, the City may fall into a significant deficit.

Mr. Jackson reviewed the current water and wastewater rate structure. He noted the monthly charge for a 5/8" meter is very low at \$3.47. The average customer uses about 11,000 gallons of water/sewer service a month or about 1500 cf. The City charges a monthly fee of \$25.88 for wastewater which includes the first 500 cf, after it's a rate of \$4.32 per additional cf.

In comparison to surrounding cities, Alamo Heights has one of the lowest rates at \$63.11. The City currently has 3,118 water customers and 2,744 wastewater customers. Residential comprises the clear majority of consumption and accounts within the City. Most (73%) of the irrigation use is residential irrigation. The average monthly residential usage per account is: 1,536 cf or 11,487 gallons.

Mr. Jackson reviewed a chart forecasting operating costs and capital outlay combined with wastewater for the next 10-year period. Most of the expenses are going to increase 3-5% per year. The chart excluded debt service expenses (except potential debt associated with meter change-out). He noted \$450,000 annual contribution towards general capital outlay remains constant. The figures included debt and capital costs associated with meter-changeout program. He advised cities need to invest in establishing a well maintained water/wastewater system.

Mr. Jackson continued to review forecasted net revenue requirement to sustain utility systems and capital outlays. He explained the Net Revenue Requirement is the amount of funding required to be raised by water and sewer rates. Debt Service includes selling an additional \$14.0M in future debt and the Total Cost of Service forecast may increase at annual average of 7.3%.

CURRENT AND FORECAST REVENUE REQUIREMENT							
	Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Debt Service	Transfers & Contingencies	Cost of Service	Non-Rate Revenues	Revenue Requirement
TOTAL Revenue Requirement							
2023	\$ 3,733,681	\$ -	\$ 161,300	\$ 92,748	\$ 3,987,729	\$ 388,220	\$ 3,599,509
2024	4,062,074	824,226	163,600	95,994	5,145,894	388,220	4,757,674
2025	4,240,070	790,248	341,362	99,354	5,471,034	388,220	5,082,814
2026	4,427,437	767,208	429,743	102,831	5,727,220	388,220	5,339,000
2027	4,624,728	751,449	681,423	106,430	6,164,030	388,220	5,775,810
2028	4,832,530	738,199	876,947	110,156	6,557,832	388,220	6,169,612
2029	5,051,470	738,199	1,099,900	114,011	7,003,580	388,220	6,615,360
2030	5,282,214	738,199	1,159,354	118,001	7,297,769	388,220	6,909,549
2031	5,525,475	738,199	1,159,354	122,131	7,545,160	388,220	7,156,940
2032	5,782,011	738,199	1,114,764	126,406	7,761,379	388,220	7,373,159

Mr. Jackson summarized what would happen is the City did not implement rate increases. With no rate increases, the fund balance will be negative by 2028. The Net Operating Revenues would stay positive through 2024, but not enough to fund projects with cash. Debt coverage ratios would be insufficient by 2026. Their recommendation is to implement a new 5-year rate

plan with scheduled adjustments on October 1 of each year 2023 – 2027. Mr. Jackson stated adopting a rate plan doesn't mean Council has to retain the terms, but has the ability to adjust annually as necessary and recommended reevaluating the rate plan every 2-3 years.

The following rate plan was proposed for water customers respectively:

	Current	Effective Oct-23	Effective Oct-24	Effective Oct-25	Effective Oct-26	Effective Oct-27
Monthly Minimum Charge - All Customer Classes						
5/8"	\$ 3.47	\$ 3.70	\$ 4.12	\$ 4.49	\$ 4.90	\$ 5.34
3/4"	10.42	11.36	12.38	13.49	14.71	16.03
1"	17.36	18.92	20.63	22.48	24.51	26.71
1 1/2"	43.41	47.32	51.58	56.22	61.28	66.79
2"	69.46	75.71	82.53	89.95	98.05	106.87
3"	173.64	189.27	206.30	224.87	245.11	267.17
4"	280.47	283.91	309.46	337.32	367.67	400.77
Residential and Institutional						
Volume Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet						
-	500	0.96	1.05	1.14	1.24	1.36
501	1,000	1.31	1.43	1.56	1.70	1.85
1,001	2,300	1.89	2.06	2.25	2.45	2.67
2,301	Above	3.20	3.49	3.80	4.14	4.52
Volume Rate Per 1,000 Gallons						
-	4,000	1.28	1.40	1.52	1.66	1.81
4,001	7,000	1.75	1.91	2.08	2.27	2.47
7,001	17,000	2.53	2.75	3.00	3.27	3.57
17,001	Above	4.28	4.66	5.08	5.54	6.04
Commercial						
Volume Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet						
-	500	1.37	1.49	1.63	1.77	1.93
501	1,000	1.71	1.86	2.03	2.21	2.41
1,001	2,300	2.29	2.50	2.72	2.97	3.23
2,301	Above	3.61	3.93	4.29	4.68	5.10
Volume Rate Per 1,000 Gallons						
-	4,000	1.83	2.00	2.18	2.37	2.59
4,001	7,000	2.29	2.49	2.72	2.96	3.23
7,001	17,000	3.06	3.34	3.64	3.96	4.32
17,001	Above	4.83	5.26	5.73	6.25	6.81
Multifamily and Institutional						
Volume Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet						
-	500	0.96	1.05	1.14	1.24	1.36
501	1,000	1.31	1.43	1.56	1.70	1.85
1,001	2,300	1.89	2.06	2.25	2.45	2.67
2,301	Above	3.20	3.49	3.80	4.14	4.52
Volume Rate Per 1,000 Gallons						
-	500	1.28	1.40	1.52	1.66	1.81
501	1,000	1.75	1.91	2.08	2.27	2.47
1,001	2,300	2.53	2.75	3.00	3.27	3.57
2,301	Above	4.28	4.66	5.08	5.54	6.04

The following rate plan was proposed for wastewater customers:

Scenario:	Proposed Wastewater Rate Plan					
	Current	Effective Oct-23	Effective Oct-24	Effective Oct-25	Effective Oct-26	Effective Oct-27
Scenario 1 Status Quo						
Wastewater Rate - All Customers						
Monthly Minimum Charge (includes 500 Cubic Feet/3,740 Gallons)	\$ 25.88	\$ 26.40	\$ 26.93	\$ 27.73	\$ 28.57	\$ 29.42
Volume Rate per 100 Cubic Feet	\$ 4.32	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.49	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.77	\$ 4.91
Volume Rate per 1,000 Gallons	5.77	5.89	6.01	6.19	6.37	6.57

Mr. Jackson highlighted what the average residential user's cost would be from current to Oct. 2027:

Average Residential User	1,500 ft ³ Water	\$ 24.27	\$ 26.45	\$ 28.84	\$ 31.43	\$ 34.26	\$ 37.34
	300 ft ³ Wastewater	38.84	39.02	40.41	41.22	42.87	44.18
	(11.8MGal) Total	63.11	65.07	69.24	73.05	77.13	81.50
	Increase -- \$	\$	2.96	3.17	3.81	4.08	4.37
			4.7%	4.8%	5.5%	5.6%	5.7%

Mr. Jackson advised with \$14.0M in new debt issuances (assumed 20-year term debt @ 4%) and moderate rate increases, the fund is forecasted to remain in a sound financial condition, including debt coverage ratios.

In closing, Mr. Jackson stated the proposed rate plan enables the City to fully fund all water and wastewater costs and CIP over next decade. The proposed plan will enable the Utility Fund to operate self-sufficiently with no need for subsidies from fund balance and additionally enable the City to provide safe drinking water and effectively treat wastewater continually for forecast period.

Mayor Rosenthal opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. With no one to speak on the item, Mayor Rosenthal closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Item # 6 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.


Discussion and possible action concerning Water/Sewer Rate Study and Meter Assessment

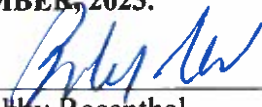
After some discussion, Councilmember Billa Burke moved to approve an ordinance to implement a five-year water/sewer rate plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Savage and passed by 3-0 vote. Council requested staff provide further information on new water meter replacements at a future meeting.

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With no further business to consider, Mayor Pro Tem Bonner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Savage and passed by a 3-0 vote.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.


 Elsa T. Robles, IRMC
 City Secretary


 Bobby Rosenthal
 Mayor

