

**Troy City Council
City Council Work Meeting
September 5, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

The meeting came to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Mayor Charles Ekstedt, Council – Shawna Kelsey, Jamie Shupe, Dallas Carr, and TJ Boswell via Zoom, and City Clerk Tracy Rebo.

GUESTS: Chera Cole, Luke Campbell, Clay Campbell, Katie Davis, Ward Davis, and Dennis Dupuis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

WATER & SEWER RATES AND POLICIES: City Clerk Tracy Rebo presented Mayor and Council a few different options to go with for both the water department and sewer department rates. Discussion was held on the proposed rates. It was decided to go with increasing the rate for sewer from \$39.98 to \$41.98 for residential and from \$45.17 to \$47.43 for commercial, a 5% increase. The following three years the rate will increase 2% each year. It was also mentioned that the sewer connect fee should be increased. Discussion was held on what the new rate should be. The current rate is \$900.00 for each connection to the main. Currently it takes approximately five to six hours for public works to open and close the main from start to finish. Council requested some actual numbers for what would it cost the employees to connect the sewer line. Rebo stated she would get the numbers together and get them sent out to mayor and council. As far as the policy goes, the need to have it the same as the electric utility is a must. Currently there is no disconnect/reconnect fee or any shutoff fees. Would like to have \$15.00 fee for non-payment on account and to have \$15.00 for reconnect, \$1.00 for each 30-day late notice letter that goes out and a \$5.00 tag fee for each account that is late and not paid.

The water rate was discussed also and will follow the same as sewer: 5% increase the first year with 2% increase for the following three years. The first year the rate for residential will go from \$34.50 to \$36.23 and commercial will go from \$43.50 to \$45.68. Would like to also place in the policy the \$15.00 disconnect and \$15.00 reconnect fee, \$1.00 for letter for late fee and a \$5.00 tag fee. A \$2.00 additional fee per month will be included for meter replacement, and bulk rates for the water fill station will be \$0.05 per gallon. Discussion was held on the metering and prepay system for the bulk station. The proposal for the prepay system will be on the next City Council agenda for approval to purchase. The rate for additional water usage over the allotted amount was discussed, currently the rate is \$0.93 per one thousand gallons. No decision was made on the overage rate.

PERSONNEL POLICY: The definition of an employee and a volunteer need to be included in the policy. Juneteenth holiday will need to be incorporated into the policy also.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chief of Police Katie Davis would like to have permission to use the Museum parking area for a fund raiser for local student Rylie Cole who was stricken with FND-Functional Neurological Disorder. The Troy Christian Fellowship will be doing the fund raiser. Mayor and Council had no problem with the Church doing the fundraiser at the museum.

Discussion was held regarding the Troy Area Dispatch District Board. New board members were appointed. Possible dissolution of Troy Area Dispatch was discussed. If the board, city, and county decide to dissolve it then there will be no vote from the people on whether they want to keep it or not. There is a meeting scheduled for October 11, 2023. Mayor would like to have a Troy Area meeting to see what the residents want.

Ballot box in the Dispatch Foyer will need to be moved. Mayor Ekstedt gave permission to move to the City Hall Foyer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Charles Ekstedt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer