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WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

5814 100th Avenue
Evar, MI 49631
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Sarah Dvoracek, Mark Wilson, Bridgette Miniear

Committee Members: Ralph Carlson, Matt Hildebrand

Proposed raise of water and sewer rates discussed. Both members recommend a water rate increase from the current rate of \$3.60 to \$4.68 per thousand gallons and a sewer rate increase from the current rate of \$7.14 to \$9.28 per thousand gallons.

Discussion held regarding garbage ordinance wording as to which residential units should be billed for trash. Both members recommend amending the ordinance to reflect that all residential units which are not registered vacant, residing in Evar city limits or connected to the city water mains shall be billed regardless of whether the refuse service is utilized.

Discussion held regarding Water Run Policy and credit calculations. Both members recommend a water and sewer credit be given for water run residents in the future and updating the policy to reflect the calculation which will be used to determine the amount of the credits.

Discussion held regarding cost of water shut offs to city. After reviewing the provided documentation, both members recommend water shut offs, due to non-payment of utility bills, be eliminated. Instead, utility bills not paid will be added to the property taxes and all ordinances and policies amended accordingly, including raising landlord/tenant agreement deposits to \$650.00.

Discussion held regarding irrigation sewer credits. As the current Water Ordinance does not have language regarding current year seasonal irrigation readings, both members recommend amending the ordinance to reflect the need for a beginning of the season irrigation read.

Discussion held regarding buildings with city sewer but no city water. Both members recommend updating the ordinance to reflect the requirement for a property owner to allow the city to meter any currently non-metered city sewer.

Discussion held regarding water line break credits. Both members recommend adopting a policy clearly stating what credits will and will not be given and which clearly states the responsibility of discovering breaks or leaks lies with the property owner.

Respectfully submitted by: Bridgette L Miniear Date: 4/4/19