

Mayor Dave Drotzmann called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Councilors Kirwan and Smith were in attendance, as well as City staff, to include: Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Ron Sivey, Bill Schmittle, Roy Bicknell, and Lilly Alarcon-Strong. City Engineer Chas Hutchins from Anderson Perry was also present.

Old Business

Water & Sewer Rates-

Based on the PIC's feedback at the May 29th meeting about taking the opportunity while rates are being adjusted to also ensure that user-equity is included in the rates, Chas and Mark presented two proposed options. One each for both water and sewer. The biggest change for the water-side of things was a switch from a "declining" schedule to an "inclining" schedule. This change will mean that the price per-unit of water increases after a threshold of 15,000 gallons per month, rather than decreasing after 13,000 gallons per month, which is the current cut-off.

An in-depth discussion followed about the ramifications of such a change, including potential aesthetic impacts to the community when customers are "penalized" for using more water. Ultimately the committee concluded that the switch to an inclining rate schedule makes the most sense because it will encourage conservation by folks who may currently "waste" water during peak usage in the middle of the summer. The main benefits to the system of encouraging conservation is that in the long-run it reduces costs to the system by prolonging when the system needs to make certain upgrades such as acquire new source water rights, expand storage capacity, etc.

The most significant change for the sewer-side of things was to introduce a way to charge residential customers for their usage by using their wintertime water usage as a corollary for how much water they likely send to the sewer system on a monthly basis. A lengthy discussion followed, and it was generally agreed that this arrangement made sense for the system.

Councilor Kirwan noted that the increase of base-fees as presented for water to \$25 might, combined with the usage-rates may introduce too much uncertainty and fluctuation in water revenues. He recommended increasing the base-fees to \$30 while knocking down the usage rates to stabilize revenues. There was general consensus that this was a good idea.

Street Improvements

The City Engineer delivered brief status updates on the current street improvement projects involving E Theater Lane, Geer Rd and E Newport Ave.

Adjourn

There were no other items of discussion and the meeting was adjourned.