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MINUTES OF THE WORK MEETING OF THE GRANTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL, HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2018 AT THE GRANTSVILLE CITY HALL, 429 EAST MAIN STREET, GRANTSVILLE, UTAH. THE MEETING BEGAN AT 6:00 P.M.

Mayor and Council Members Present: Mayor Brent Marshall and Council Members Krista Sparks, Scott Stice, and Tom Tripp. Councilwoman Jewel Allen was excused. Councilman Neil Critchlow arrived late.

Appointed Officers and Employees Present: Sherrie Broadbent, Kerri Anderson, Brett Coombs, and Christine Webb.

Citizens and Guests Present: Steve Howe and Steve Rowley.

AGENDA:

1. Discussion of water and sewer rates.

Finance Director, Sherrie Broadbent, stated we are on a time table so if the Council needs more information, they can meet with her. She explained they need to decide on a water rate increase so the residents can be given notice and a hearing can be held. She provided a handout on inflation and two options for them to consider. The water rates have not been changed since 1996. If the City would have incrementally increased the water rates over time for inflation, they would not need to have to increase the rate by the amount we need to now. The sewer rates were increased in 2014 so there is not a big increase for the sewer.

Mrs. Broadbent reported currently, a residence using 2,000 gallons pays \$15.00. With option 1, the same usage would be billed \$18.10 and with the second option they would be billed \$21.40. The second option spreads the usage fee more evenly. She explained when Water Resources calculated the amount to spread the increase out evenly without taking into account usage, the base fee would be \$34.50 for every residence. She stated she would like to move forward with adopting the increased rate, but not put it into effect until January 1, 2019. This will allow for residents to prepare for the increase.

Steve Rowley from Keddington and Christensen reported one driving force behind this increase is recent legislation requires cities to have a tiered rate. The idea is to encourage users to conserve water. Hopefully, this will offset some of the cost of the replacement of some major sections of pipe along Main Street.

Mrs. Broadbent indicated the sewer rate will have an increase of \$3.00 per user and the commercial base fee will increase from \$20 to \$25 and the usage will go from \$1.50 to \$1.75. Because the City Council adopted the increase in 2014, the increase will be smaller than the water.

The recycling program is costing more. Mrs. Broadbent explained the Council will need to increase the fee for the recycling can at some point in the future. We are losing money on the recycling program.

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Mayor Marshall asked the Council to decide on the water rate so it can be placed on the August 15, 2018 agenda. The Council Members asked Mrs. Broadbent to send them information on the users. They were leaning toward option 2 with a yearly inflation increase. They agreed on a 2% inflation rate on water and sewer. They plan to review the rates annually.

Councilman Critchlow arrived at the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

The City Council decided to place the increase on the next agenda for public hearings. They will increase the sewer on September 1, 2018 and the water on January 1, 2019 upon approval.

2. Adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Stice made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Sparks seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.