



City Council Work Meeting

06-28-2023

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

6:07 P.M. Mayor Nay opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

Robert Andersen, Gary Keddington, JD Bunnell, Dennis Marker, Rod Taylor, Kelly Chappell, Mike Wanner, Shawn Crane, Lori Nay, Stella Hill

DISCUSSION REGARDING

June 28, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting Agenda Items:

Kelly Chappell with Ensign engineering led the conversation. He went over the water master plan that he recently did for Gunnison City.

The existing culinary system has sufficient storage and capacity for the current users. Two projects are proposed to improve fire pressure in the system. 920 feet of 8-inch making a connection between Main and 200 East at 200 North. 100 feet of 8-inch line crossing Main Street at 250 North.

Based on conservative growth projections, Gunnison city will need to obtain additional water rights, construct additional sources of water and increase storage capacity. Each of these elements will be needed at varying times. Additional sources of water are needed in the next 2-3 years. Currently Gunnison City has a water right surplus of 234 acre-feet per year. If more water rights are not acquired, then in approximately 8 years it's projected their demand will be greater than the available water rights. The current level of storage would be sufficient for the 20-year plan horizon, but due to aging infrastructure two of the city's water tanks will likely need to be replaced; one in 2039 and the other in 2045.

The study recommends that the city increase the water base rate by \$5 each month to cover the cost of inflation over the past 6 years. Additionally, it is proposed that the usage rate be increased by \$0.50 per thousand gallons for customers using more than 500,000 gallons each month. Dennis Marker reviewed a recommendation that requires less of a base rate increase but, by adjusting all tiers, would provide additional revenue from the larger water users. Keeping the base rate lower helps those households with lower or fixed incomes.

The current water impact fee is \$1,736.64 for new connections. The study has determined that the maximum impact fee the city could charge is \$12,122.59 for a one-inch connection. The Council expressed concern about the proposed rate changes and the impact on future

development. Dennis noted that any changes to impact fees must be treated as a land use regulation and receive Planning Commission recommendation and public hearings before the Council takes action on those fees.

Adjournment:

Mayor Nay adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm

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Lori Nay, Mayor

Approval Date: 07-19-23

Attest:

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Valerie Andersen, City Recorder