



Notice of Public Hearing

Purpose: The City of St. George, Utah will hold public hearings to review and take public comment regarding non-reciprocal transfers for unbilled utility services from the Electric, Water, and Sewer Funds to other City Funds.

Public Hearing: *Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 5:00 pm. St. George City Hall, 175 E 200 N, St. George, UT 84770*

Background: The City of St. George has funds that operate as business-type funds, providing water, energy, and sewer collection and treatment services to customers and charging fees based upon consumption (usage) at rates established by the St. George City Council. Most city-owned facilities are charged for these services, but some services are provided at no cost to the City. For example, the Water Fund provides water and irrigation water to some city parks, landscaping, city facilities, golf courses, and right-of-ways. Similarly, the Electric Fund provides power to city wells and pump stations used by the Water Fund to distribute water to customers. For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the total amount of unbilled services is \$812,408 for water and irrigation, \$44,171 for sewer collection and treatment, and \$1,088,828 for electricity.

The costs indicated in this notice are already included in the rates utility customers are currently paying, and we estimate that each customer is billed an average of \$1.83 per month for these costs. This notice is for informational purposes only and this practice of unbilled utility services does not result in a proposed increase in the water or electric rates. However, **the 2019-2020 budget does include proposed rate increases due to increased costs from suppliers and other infrastructure needs. The proposed water increase is \$0.10 per 1,000 gallons; and the proposed electric increase is \$1.00 per month to the base rate for residential customers.**

For the current fiscal year 2018-2019, the amount of unbilled utility services is as follows:

Fund Receiving Service	Unbilled Electricity	Unbilled Water & Irrigation	Unbilled Sewer
General Fund	\$ 36,087	\$ 759,569	\$ 38,558
Water Fund	\$ 993,556	\$ 12,661	\$ 1,577
Energy Fund	\$ 59,185	\$ 5,595	\$ 3,448
Regional Wastewater Treatment	\$ 0	\$ 36,326	\$ 0
Public Transit Fund	\$ 0	\$ 257	\$ 588
Total Unbilled Amount	\$ 1,088,828	\$ 812,408	\$ 44,171

For next fiscal year 2019-2020, the unbilled utility services are budgeted as follows:

Fund Receiving Service	Unbilled Electricity	Unbilled Water & Irrigation	Unbilled Sewer
General Fund	\$ 39,000	\$ 810,000	\$ 41,000
Water Fund	\$ 1,063,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 2,500
Energy Fund	\$ 63,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000
Regional Wastewater Treatment	\$ 0	\$ 39,000	\$ 0
Public Transit Fund	\$ 0	\$ 500	\$ 500
Total Unbilled Amount	\$ 1,165,000	\$ 869,000	\$ 48,000

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