

### **Water/Sewer Utility Committee meeting**

Feb. 4, 2010 - 5:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

Present:

Daryn Hamilton, Ken Goering, Susan Silvers, Ray Mottet, John Morrissey, Darrel Bisgard, Lacy Jacobs and Ted Nichols of Titan Energy

1.) Back up generation was discussed. A draft study completed by Industrial Automated Systems was discussed. Ted Nichols of Titan was present to answer questions that the committee had concerning financing and leasing through their company.

The committee has not made a final decision as to which supplier, Alliant Energy or Titan Energy, and further discussion will be held on the return of Dave Fredricks from his vacation.

2.) A resolution allowing Maharishi University to construct a septic system at the site of the proposed Sustainability Center was discussed. A copy of the initially proposed resolution is to be placed in the council packet for council review. The committee and Ken had a few suggested revisions that John will address and have a possible copy for the council to view Monday evening. While they were invited and supplied a copy of the proposed resolution, representatives of MUM were not present and no comments have been provided to the committee.

3.) Personnel issues at the waste treatment plant were discussed and the committee voted to leave staffing as is currently. It was discussed that advertising for Ken's replacement be stepped up upon the return of Dave from vacation. It is the intent to have a replacement on staff as of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

4.) The utility committee is proposing a 20% increase across the board increase for both sewer and water rates. Water rates were last increased Jan 1, 2009. At that time the following rates were put in place:

<b>Usage</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed 6-1-10</b>
Cubic ft / mo	Cost in dollars	Cost in dollars
0 to 1,500	0.03241	<b>0.039</b>
1,501 to 10,000	0.02919	<b>0.035</b>
10,001 to 50,000	0.02592	<b>0.032</b>
50,001 to 401,100	0.02269	<b>0.028</b>
Over 401,100	0.01463	<b>0.018</b>

Monthly charges for meters, that were increased July 1, 2008, will remain the same:

The fees for the following for water usage are proposed for change:

Item Fee (As Adjusted)

New Customer Deposit \$75.00\* **(to remain the same)**

\*Applies to residential deposits only. Commercial and industrial deposits are by separate agreement and will ordinarily always exceed residential.

Hook Up New Account \$10.00 **\$25.00** regular hours (8:00--3:30, M--F)  
 \$60.00 **\$65.00** after hours  
 \$100.00 **\$110.00** Sundays and Holidays  
 Late Payment Fee Seven percent (7%) of the outstanding monthly charges **(to remain the same)**  
 Returned Check Charge \$20.00 **\$25.00** **(if allowed by bank)**  
 Turn-On After Disconnection  
 First Offense:  
 \$20.00 **\$25.00** regular hours (8:00--3:30, M--F)  
 \$60.00 **\$65.00** after hours  
 \$100.00 **\$110.00** Sundays and Holidays  
 Second offense within two years: 150% of above  
 Third and subsequent offense within two years: 200% of above **(to remain the same)**  
 Sending Account to Collection Agency  
 \$35.00 **\$40.00**  
 Frozen Meter Cost of materials, labor, plus 15%  
 Use of City Backhoe for Repair of Customer Water Lines  
 \$150.00 **\$175.00** per hour  
 Tapping Fees Cost of materials, labor, plus 15%

All references to water board of trustees, board of trustees, water board, trustees or waterworks trustees is to be changed to Utilities Committee.

The fees for the following for water usage are proposed for change:

Minimum (base) charge per month of each user shall be **fourteen dollars and forty cents (increased from twelve dollars)** regardless of use or non-use. In addition, each user shall pay a user charge (rate) for operation and maintenance, replacements and debt retirement at the rate of \$0.048 cents per cubic foot of water (or wastewater)

An increase for extra strength user fees will be provided by Ken at our next meeting.

Submitted,  
 Daryn Hamilton, Chairman