BILL 2019-39

Final Reading

Agenda Item

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Zachary Johnson, Utility Director

DATE: September 3, 2019

RE: Sewer Rate Ordinance

Issues

The City Sewer Department has several large capital improvement projects in the upcoming years. Infrastructure extension to accommodate new businesses will be the focus for FY 2020 and FY 2021 for the collection system. The WWTP will begin major upgrades to be able to handle our new discharge permit in 2022. While City Staff works diligently to keep operating costs at a minimum, we have been working on establishing projected rate for the next 20 years to account for these large scale projects. This will insure the City of Cameron will be financially capable to address increasing state and federal regulations in the future.

This proposed sewer rate adjustment will impact the Cameron residential user (5,000 gal) by an additional $4.77 per month. Small commercial users (10,000 gal) will see an increase of $8.47 and large commercial users will see a monthly increase of $28.45.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council approve the new sewer use rate ordinance. Three readings are recommended and will allow for rate to become effective on October 1, 2019.

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AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI REPEALING THE CURRENT SEWER USE RATES AND ESTABLISHING NEW SEWER USE RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system as a stand-alone non-profit municipal enterprise to serve the citizens of Cameron, and

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron City Council has elected to make necessary treatment plant and sanitary sewer system improvements over the next several years to maintain state and federal compliance, and

WHEREAS, it is determined that current sewer revenue is not sufficient to fund such improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Repeal the existing subsection (b) of Sec. 12-289, Rates, of Division 6, Rates and Charges of Article III, Sewage of the City of Cameron Code and replace it with a new subsection (b), *Monthly rates,* setting new sewer use rates as follows:

(b) *Monthly rates.*

(1) For residential contributors, monthly user charges for the collection and treatment of sewage will be based on monthly water usage. The minimum charge per month for the collection and treatment of sewerage shall be fourteen dollars ($14.00) for the first one thousand five hundred (1500) gallons for residential and non-residential contributors. In addition, each contributor shall pay a user charge rate of four dollars eighty-eight cents ($4.88) per one thousand (1000) gallons of water (or wastewater) above the minimum as determined in the preceding section.

(2) For industrial and commercial contributors, user charges for the collection and treatment of sewerage shall be based on water used during the current month. If a commercial or industrial contributor has a consumptive user of water, or in some other manner uses water which is not returned to the wastewater collection system, the user charge for that contributor may be based on a wastewater meter or separate water meters installed and maintained at the contributor's expense and in a manner acceptable to the City.

Section 3. This ordinance hereby repeals all other ordinances pertaining to all sewer rates heretofore established for users of the sewer system in the City of Cameron, Missouri, and any and all other ordinances inconsistent herewith. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force October 1, 2019.

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Section 4. The Mayor is authorized to sign this ordinance approving it on behalf of the City.

Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Passed and approved on first reading this 5th day of August 2019.
Passed and approved on second reading this 19th day of August 2019.
Passed and approved on third and final reading this 3rd day of September 2019.

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

FINAL READING