

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Daggett County Commission held on **Monday, February 11, 2019** in the Dutch John Conference Hall. Commissioners Randy Asay, Jack Lytle and Matt Tippetts were present. Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond was also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Commissioner Asay.

Also present: Mayor Buddy Rogers, Council Members Dave McDonald, Harriett Dickerson and Sandy Kunkel; plus Lorraine McDonald, Ryan Mosley, Trevor Brooksby, Emmett & Marjean Heath, Terry Collier, David Orr, Thompson Davis, Shelley Roberts, Stu & Jenny Handy, John Morton, Butch and Pam Johns

The reason for the hearing is to talk about the water rates and the sewer, and let us know about what your feelings are as you are looking at the paper. The increase has not been passed yet.

Mayor Rogers asked why there is a need for the increase, and Commissioner Lytle said the main thing is to be able to put some funds into the Capital Fund for future building. We have not been able to accrue any significant amounts in the Capital Fund. We were encouraged to add a factor of 1.4 over costs, and we only did a factor of 1.3 to provide for depreciation and capital development. There was a lot of discussion so that we could do it incrementally, instead of all at once. Commissioner Lytle said the rates you see at this Hearing are different from the first Public Hearing, as we took the comments at that meeting back and worked on it some more. This is what we were able to come up with. The new proposed rates for drinking water are in thousands of gallons:

Residential:	Tier 1 Inside Usage -	0 to 12 is \$79.00 (from \$76.98)
	Tier 2 Outside Usage -	12 to 20 is \$3.00 (from \$2.00)
	Tier 3 Large Outside Usage -	20 to 40 is \$5.00 (from \$2.50)
	Tier 4 (New) Excessive Usage -	40 and Above is \$8.00
Commercial:	Tier 1 Inside Usage -	0 to 12 is \$208.82 (from \$115.47)
	Tier 2 Outside Usage -	12 to 20 is \$3.00 (from \$2.00)
	Tier 3 Large Outside Usage -	20 to 40 is \$5.00 (from \$2.50)
	Tier 4 (New) Excessive Usage -	40 and Above is \$8.00

Council Member Kunkle asked if the meter reader is working correctly. As far as we know it is working. Commissioner Lytle introduced Trevor Brooksby and said he is the new water and sewer person and brings a lot to the position. We are still working on getting things squared away with the Dam and looking at their usage. David McDonald said the rates should be consistently applied across all businesses and residences. What is considered commercial? David's wife said she pays a premium on her Bed and Breakfast but at the residential rate. So Commissioner Lytle asked if she was undercharged and there was confusion as to what is Commercial-Residential with rental, i.e., Rusk house (a nightly rental) or the Bed and Breakfast. Terry Collier thought that he was being charged a Commercial rate, and Mr. Raymond said he thought they were at the Residential rate, but said he would check. Mr. Brooksby said that most utility systems would base the base rate on the size of the meter. Most are $\frac{3}{4}$ " but some are larger than that and can be charged a higher rate for larger meters. FGRS has a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " meter

and Trout Creek has two meters, but the size was not known. Mr. McDonald said that sometimes people put a bigger meter in just for better flow. Butch Johns asked what the goal for the Capital Fund was and could it be done more gradually? He was told that what is being proposed is already gradual. Mr. McDonald suggested aggressively fixing the old pipe in small pieces. Terry Collier said it would be a good idea to fix the pipe from the Dam to the Water Plant now, as it will cost a lot more to fix later if it has a major break. Sandy Kunkel asked about the ability for the Committee to work on this and how much time would they have. Shelly Roberts said that the Commercial Rates should have different rates depending on their size, property size, etc. Commissioner Lytle said the efforts have been going on for over a year already. Trevor Brooksby asked about the Tiers, and it was clarified that the rate of \$2 to \$3 per thousand gallons were used in the previous tiers. Maybe we are getting close, but the Committee could be helpful in providing additional input. Would the end of March work towards getting this moved forward? Anybody can be involved that wants to be involved. Jack will facilitate getting the Committee going and Sandy Kunkel volunteered to help. Matt Tippetts said he felt like this was a constructive meeting and the new rates will help to maintain the system. The Commission will talk about it tomorrow during Commission Meeting and start setting up some guidelines to help with the committee. The capital produced will create some match money for future projects and possible grants. Anyone is welcome to come to the meeting. We would like to come to some sort of agreement and get the matter resolved, as there has been some negative press. Stu Handy noted we needed some good press after the recent round of press that is affecting people's businesses and property values.

Commissioner Lytle motioned to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

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/s/ Jack Lytle

/s/ Brian Raymond

/s/Matt Tippetts

/s/ Randy Asay