

Wednesday, 7 P.M.

February 8, 2006

CITIZEN RATE REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Public Safety Building

Members Present:

Chair Matson Haug
David Maiben

Ernie Amundson
Charles Zickefoose

Michael Sylvester
Dan Schutter

Members Absent:

Mike Gougler

Staff Present:

Dan Danicic, Public Works Director
Jadene Stensland, Utility Engineer
Kathy Tri, Finance Director
Janelle Nordyke, Asst, Finance Director
Kathleen Bochart, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Matson Haug.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was noted by Kathy Tri

3. Minutes

The minutes of the January 25, 2006 meeting were passed by those present.
(Schutter/Zickefoose)

4. Responses to committee questions.

a. Golf Course

Kathy Tri stated that she found out that the golf course isn't an irrigation meter but a public agency account. She went back and changed the meter to irrigation. The result was that the rates were more even. Also the golf course has a separate meter for their building.

Kathy Tri stated that the irrigation class was created in 1999 and all irrigation accounts were moved into that class.

b. University Class

Kathy Tri stated that she went back and pulled all 70 university accounts. Ms. Tri stated that they are well divided among the customer classes. In the 1990's there was a class called institutional/schools which included the university and some of the public schools. At that time

staff met with the university and we changed the classifications for many of their buildings and made the university account to include the master meters on campus which serve multiple buildings.

Dan Danicic stated that it was created because of the diverse use of the campus.

Matson Haug stated that he was wondering if it was fair to have them in a separate class for different uses.

Dan Schutter stated that we need to make sure that if it is a multi family meter then it needs to be charged as multi family.

Kathy Tri stated where the different meters were for George Fox University.

Dan Schutter stated that these main meters could be commercial use. The usage will be lower in the summer. All of the meters will show a lower usage in December than in other school months.

Dan Danicic stated that he is not opposed to going though the University meters, pulling them into other classes and eliminating the university class.

Matson Haug asked if they can comfortably fit these meters into other classes.

Dan Danicic stated that with the majority of them we can easily put them into other classes but there maybe be one or two that we will have problems with.

Matson Haug asked how long this would delay the process.

Dan Danicic stated that it would not delay it long.

Ernie Amundson asked how the other schools were classified.

Kathy Tri stated that they are classified as public agencies.

Dan Schutter asked how the peeking factor compares public agencies to a commercial building.

Dan Danicic stated that it is 1.9 for public agency and commercial is 1.95.

MOTION : Schutter/Maben to reallocate the 6 university class accounts to other classes and to review final rates at the next meeting. (Unanimous)

Kathy Tri presented the Capital Projects list. There is also a three year history of capital projects and their funding sources.

Matson Haug asked if the SDC's would pay for water lines north of the city up Zimri drive.

Dan Danicic stated that it will most likely need to have a separate class.

Dan Schutter asked how capital expenditures compare to the proposed budget.

Kathy Tri stated that the city usually spends a little less than what was budgeted.

Dan Danicic stated that Well No. 8 is going to cost more than originally budgeted. The SDC revenues have been higher than budget and sufficient funds are available to cover the additional expenses of the Well No. 8 project.

Kathy Tri stated that the tower for Well No. 8 is being built large enough to be able to handle the instrumentation for Well No. 9.

David Maiben asked how long Otis Springs will last.

Dan Danicic stated that it should last for at least 5 years.

David Maiben asked what the payback was on it.

Dan Danicic stated that it should be about three years.

Dan Schutter asked why commercial has gone up 25%.

Kathy Tri stated that it is hard for her to know why commercial was changing; there isn't a large increase in the number of accounts.

Dan Schutter asked what the single family peaking factor was.

Dan Danicic stated that for 2001 to 2005 multi-family was 2.22, commercial was 1.88. industrial was 2.27, outside city limits was 1.91, public agency was 1.89 and irrigation was 3.93.

Dan Schutter asked to have Debbie look at the model and comment on our current findings.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Schutter/Maiben to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.
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