



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Council Session

Item F-6

#9524 - Consideration of Amendments to Chapter 30 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Sewers and Sewage Disposal

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Marvin Strong PE, Wastewater Plant Engineer

Meeting: February 24, 2015

Subject: Consideration of Amendments to Chapter 30 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Sewers and Sewage Disposal

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Presenter(s): John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Background

A few proposed revisions to Chapter 30 of the City Code have been drafted for City Council consideration. The applicable section of the existing city code with markups is shown in this memo. The section to the code that is being updated are underlined and the sections that are being eliminated have a line drawn through the text. A clean version of the proposed city code is attached as an ordinance.

Discussion

In an effort to streamline and simplify the sanitary sewer billing process the Finance Department has approached Public Works Administration with a request to remove the lower of the two (2) winter quarter water consumption readings for a twelve (12) month sanitary sewer basis. Revisions will allow for a standard January, February and March water consumption basis and will set the sanitary sewer charges for the following twelve (12) months following April 1st, upon City approval.

The changes and additions that are being proposed to Chapter 30 are as follows:

30-79. Rental; Residential and Commercial

The charges to be paid by residential consumers for use of the sewerage system and disposal plant shall be based upon ~~the contribution of sewage into the system, water consumption, and the same shall be computed upon the amount of water consumed during the two winter quarters, and the lower of such winter quarterly meter readings shall be used in arriving at such charges.~~ The monthly residential sewer charges for the twelve months following April 1st of each year will be based on the average water consumption for that property during the months of January, February and March.

Commercial customers shall pay according to the ~~quarterly~~ meter reading which precedes billing.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the changes to Chapter 30 of the City Code

Sample Motion

Move to approve the ordinance revising a code section in Chapter 30 of the Grand Island City Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 9524

An ordinance to amend Chapter 30 of the Grand Island City Code; to amend Section 30-79 pertaining to Rental; Residential and Commercial as now existing, and any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 30-79 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§30-79. Rental; Residential and Commercial

The charges to be paid by residential consumers for use of the sewerage system and disposal plant shall be based upon water consumption. The monthly residential sewer charges for the twelve months following April 1st of each year will be based on the average water consumption for that property during the months of January, February and March. Commercial customers shall pay according to the meter reading which precedes billing.

SECTION 2. Section 30-79 is now existing, and any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law.

Enacted: February 24, 2015.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
February 20, 2015	☐ City Attorney