

SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2016

President Pro Tem Mahler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Annex.

Staff Present: Public Works Director Mike Adams, City Attorney Robert Snyder and Recording Secretary Julie Fisher

Registered Visitors: Dave Holley

Media: None

Roll Call:	Councilor Gerson	P	Councilor Mahler	P
	Councilor Goble	P	Councilor Trask	P(6:02 PM)
	Councilor Goodwin	AB EX	Councilor Underwood	P
	Mayor Gourley	AB EX		

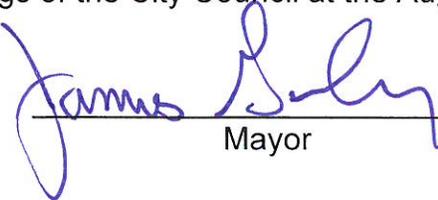
The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review water and wastewater rate options. The Council reviewed the Budget Revenue Expectations vs. Expected Revenue of multiple scenarios. The Council considered including either 300CF or 400CF with the base rate. Public Works Director Adams gave a brief history on the base rate and stated it was the community who requested including 400CF in the base rate at the time when the original methodology was set. The consensus of the Council was to include 400CF with the base rate.

The Council discussed depreciation. Councilor Gerson stated they cannot continue to go without funding depreciation 100%. Councilor Underwood agreed the Council needs to be financially responsible and financially conservative. Dave Holley stated that the Council must adjust rates to take care of fixed cost such as payroll, supplies, and repairs and added if the Council does not adjust rates; the utility will end up at zero. Councilor Trask stated he did not like the increase of \$12.85 but that if that was the consensus of the Council he would not oppose it.

The consensus of the Council was 12.5% debt ratio on the water and 25% debt ratio on the wastewater both funds at 100% depreciation with a combined rate increase of \$12.85 per month for residential customers at 400CF or less per month. PWD Adams will prepare Resolutions to bring back to Council during the regular Council Meeting on August 23, 2016.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the City Council at the August 22, 2016 Special City Council Work Session Meeting.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder