

## **MINUTES OF WORKSHOP: NOVEMBER 13,2023**

Mayor Muska called workshop to order at 5:35pm

David Pratka, Cody Harris, Joe Pustejovsky, Matt Miller, and Mayor Tommy Muska were present  
Natalie Kelinske was not in attendance.

Mayor introduced Nelisa Heddin with NH consulting, who conducted the city's water/wastewater rate study. The city secured a \$21 million dollar Certificate of obligation (CofO) to fund the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. To reach future revenue, requirements to pay for the CofO the city needs to implement future water/wastewater rate increases.

Nelisa presented to the council her findings regarding the water/wastewater rate study that she conducted. The good news is our water rates are sufficient to meet revenue, but wastewater needs to increase.

Nelisa presented 6 scenarios:

Option 1: Includes Subsidy from general fund which is \$425,117 per year and includes Winter Averaging Used for Residential Customers. Commercial customers would be billed 100% of their water use.

Option 2: Includes subsidy from General Funds and Residential customers charged a flat monthly fee and includes base charge and volumetric charge for all commercial customers.

Option 3: Does not include any subsidy from GF and winter average used for residential customers.

Option 4: No subsidy from general fund and residential customers charged a flat monthly fee regardless of individual use.

Option 5: 5-year transition away from GF subsidy, winter averaging use for residential customers.

Option 6: 7-year transition from GF subsidy, winter averaging use for residential customers.

Nelisa mentioned the average use of residential customers is 4,000 gallons.

Workshop adjourned at 5:51pm

## **TOWNHALL DISCUSSION: NOVEMBER 13,2023**

Mayor Muska called the town hall to order at 6:00pm

David Pratka, Cody Harris, Joe Pustejovsky, Matt Miller, and Mayor Tommy Muska were present  
Natalie Kelinske was not in attendance.

Mayor Muska gave the prayer/pledge

Nelisa Heddin opened with the same information that she shared during the workshop.

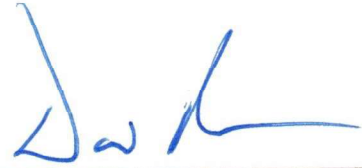
Again, she said water is good no need for change but recommending a change to wastewater rates, industry best management practices is to have water/wastewater utility being self-sustaining.

Nelisa stated at the October council meeting the council seemed to have a general consensus of wanting to get away from a flat/base fee and to use a volumetric fee based on consumption. The council wanted to see a 5 and 7 year plan to get away from GF subsidy and for water/wastewater fund to be self-sustaining.

Mayor asked the public if anyone had any questions one citizen asked: what months are used for winter averaging and Nelisa stated they typically use November, January, February because most people are not watering or filling up pools during this time.

There were no other citizen comments.

Townhall adjourned at 6:24pm



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David Pratka, Mayor



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Vanessa Perez, City Secretary