



GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

July 11, 2023

156 East Jackson St., Gate City, VA 24251

6:30 PM

I. PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:46 PM BY: Mayor – Jamie Lawson

II. ROLL CALL – Town Clerk – Lora Matthews

| | PRESENT: | ABSENT: |
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| Mayor, Jamie Lawson | X | |
| Vice Mayor, Tyler Kilgore | X | |
| Council Member, Allan “Cotton” Roberts | X | |
| Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. | X | |
| Council Member, Pat Elliott | X | |
| Council Member, Dexter Harmon | X | |
| Town Manager, Greg Jones | X | |
| Town Attorney, Michele Brooks | X | |

Others present: Chief Justin Miller, Jason Snapp (Mattern & Craig), Jeff Casteel, Brigitte Casteel, Kim Frances, Scott Cleek, John Barger, Jack Arwood, Judy Vicars, Guila Davidson, Allen Reed, Cody Ferguson, Ronnie Graham, Joyce Graham, Jim Addington, Noah Kimbler, Larry D. Sturgil

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-107, 15.2-1427, 15.2-2111, 15.2-2122, and 15.2-2143, the TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GATE CITY will receive public comment regarding the proposed water rate increase listed below:

In Town

| Residential | Current Rate | Proposed Rate |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| 0 – 2,000 Gallons | \$28.15 | \$33.75 |
| 2,001 Gallons + | \$7.90/1,000 Gallons | \$8.75/1,000 Gallons |
| Commercial & Public Authority | | |
| 0 – 2,000 Gallons | \$30.25 | \$37.50 |
| 2,001 Gallons + | \$7.90/1,000 Gallons | \$9.95/1,000 Gallons |
| Multiple Unit Charge | | |
| Residential/Connection | \$10.00 | \$33.75 |
| Commercial/Connection | \$10.00 | \$37.50 |

Out of Town

| Residential | Current Rate | Proposed Rate |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| 0 – 2,000 Gallons | \$36.25 | \$38.75 |
| 2,001 Gallons + | 7.90/1,000 Gallons | \$8.75/1,000 Gallons |
| Commercial & Public Authority | | |
| 0 – 2,000 Gallons | \$30.25 | \$37.50 |
| 2,001 Gallons + | \$7.90/1,000 Gallons | \$9.95/1,000 Gallons |
| Multiple Unit Charge | | |
| Residential/Connection | \$10.00 | \$38.75 |
| Commercial/Connection | \$10.00 | \$37.50 |


IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joyce Graham – Mrs. Graham questioned if sewer rates will also increase? (Town Manager Greg Jones: No, sewer has it's own rates.) She shared some totals of increase. She requested that the Town not increase rates.

Scott Cleek – Mr. Cleek would like to understand how the rate increase was calculated. (Town Manager Greg Jones: Costs have gone up.)

Allen Reed – Mr. Reed questioned water leaks going for 4-5 days. Where he lives (Franklin St.), he says the water lines have busted 6-8 times in the same area in about 2 ½ years. Wants to see all the old lines replaced.

V. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSSES AT 7:07 PM



Jamie Lawson – Mayor

Town Clerk – Lora Matthews