

City of Folsom
Utility Commission
Action Minutes
August 16, 2011, 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Oosterman called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Davis, Cook, Kahlon, Bringgold, Oosterman,

Absent: Commissioners: Ryan, Standley

Staff Present: Richard Lorenz, Public Works/Utilities Director; Kent Gary, Public Works; Rick Shaw, Utilities Department; Darin Ajax, Utilities Department; Stormy Hinkley, Utilities Department

Others Present:

1. **MINUTES**

Minutes were held over until the next meeting.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

2. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

No Business

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

Gary gave a brief overview of the fees and what aspects factor into the determination of fees. Shaw talked more specifically about the miscellaneous fees, how fees are different from rates and that the existing fees have not been adjusted since 2003/04. Kahlon asked if it has been estimated how much revenue new fees would bring the City. Shaw stated that the conservative estimate is \$100,000 to \$150,000 in additional revenue. Davis suggested that the City make sure to publically announce these fees and the fee schedule. He was concerned that the City would be criticized for

blindsiding someone with huge fees that didn't exist before. Kahlon asked if there was a plan to give any of the collected fees back to the community through outreach programs. Lorenz stated that the collection of these fees is allowing the City to look at reducing the rates. The collection of fees is for full cost recovery. City staff requested that the Commission make a recommendation to proceed with the proposed fee schedule.

Davis motioned to recommend that staff move forward with the proposed fee schedule and Bringgold seconded the motion.

AYES: Bringgold, Cook, Davis, Oosterman, Kahlon,

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ryan, Standley

Lorenz gave an update on the proposed water and sewer rates and the flyer that was mailed to the residents. He stated that staff is continuing to review the numbers for Solid Waste and are still finalizing how much of a rate decrease, if any, there will be. Davis asked if that information would be available to the Commission by the next Commission meeting. Lorenz agreed that the final numbers would be available at that time. He stated that staff is also taking a second look at commodity rates as they pertain to the water rate. It looks like the numbers that will be presented to the Council will be a slightly lower rate increase than what was presented to the Commission. Staff will keep the Commission apprised of that as well.

Lorenz conveyed to the Commission that due to a mishap at the post office, not all the residents received the flyer within the required 45-day mandated notification window. More than likely, the City would still hold the public hearing on September 27; however it would have to be continued to the first meeting in October which would allow for the full 45-day mandated window.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Submitted,

Stormy Hinkley, Administrative Assistant

Attachments: Agenda; Handout on Proposed Fee Rates