

AUGUST 1, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Canterbury called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Tom Canterbury, Recorder Dana Walters, Council Members Tennis Adkins, Dakota Miller, Troy Nicely and Deborah Conard. Council Member Carl Harshbarger was absent.

Mayor Canterbury stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear public comments on the proposed water rate increase. Accountant Rod Lowe was available for questions. Mayor Canterbury opened the floor for public comment.

E.Huff stated that he did not have a problem with a rate increase and that he felt our rates were fair.

K.Sargent asked about infrastructure repairs and upgrades to the water plant. Council Member Miller advised that we have a current water line replacement project along Newman's Branch, and we are in the design phase for water treatment plant filter upgrades and another water line replacement project. Sargent asked how often we flush lines and how long since we last had the hydrants tested. Council Member Miller advised that we flush lines twice a year. Miller stated that the hydrants are flow tested once a year, the last time being in April 2023.

Lowe stated that a rate increase was necessary for MMUC to be eligible for more grants and lower interest rate loans, which is based on the utilities' percentage of the median household income.

There being no other comments from the floor, Council Member Miller moved to close the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

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Mayor Tom Canterbury, Mayor

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Recorder Dana Walters