

APRIL 11, 2022

6:00 P.M.

**SPECIAL MEETING/
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

Recorder Walters called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Recorder Walters, Council Members Adkins, Miller, Harshbarger and Nicely. Mayor Canterbury and Council Member Legg were absent. Also present were Accountant Rod Lowe, Attorney John McGhee and Engineer Eric Sherrard.

Recorder Walters presented a revision to the Ordinance Setting Forth the Rates, Fees and Charges for Service to Customers of the Sewer System of the City of Milton which clarified when the sewer rate increases would begin. There were no material changes to the Ordinance. Harshbarger moved to amend the Ordinance for the purpose of clarification. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

At 6:02 pm, Recorder Walters opened the public hearing regarding an Ordinance Setting Forth the Rates, Fees and Charges for Service to Customers of the Sewer System of the City of Milton.

Karen Cremeans said she heard that one of the contractors on this project had reduced its bid by one million dollars. Sherrard stated that no reduction in cost had been presented for this project. Cremeans asked that, if the project cost was lowered, would the savings be passed along to the customers. She was advised that if the project ending up costing less than anticipated, the reduction would most likely be credited to grant funding, not loans, and so the utility, and thus the customer, would not realize any savings. They further discussed that the PSC's recent interpretation of a requirement for a cash working capital reserve accounted for the bulk of the additional rate increase.

After determining that no other citizens chose to speak on this matter, the Public Hearing ended and the Special Meeting continued.

Recorder Walters gave the Second Reading of an Ordinance Setting Forth the Rates, Fees and Charges for Service to Customers of the Sewer System of the City of Milton. Council Member Nicely moved to approve the Second Reading. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Council Member Nicely moved to adjourn at 6:15 pm. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Tom Canterbury, Mayor

Dana Walters, Recorder