

OCTOBER 22, 2018, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING- OCT. 33

4:30 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: M. Hraban, M. Platteter, B. Stoneberg. Others present: A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorseger, R. Grey, D. Parker, T. Verdegan.

Refuse Fees:

Comptroller Verdegan recommended a method of calculating refuse fees for the ten residential apartment complexes that contain six or more units, that essentially involves charging each \$48. After some discussion the committee preference for charging \$48 for 6-29 units and \$150 for 30 or more units. That will be reflected in proposed revisions to the City's fee schedule, slated to be voted on at this evening's City Council meeting.

Rate Increase:

Comptroller Verdegan called attention to correspondence from the Public Service Commission (PSC), wherein that agency recommends the City proceed with a so-called "simplified water rate increase" to bring revenues in line with expenditures. She went on to explain how a simplified rate increase of 3% is a locally decided and easy to implement increase of fire protection fees, meter and consumption charges that may be used once a year. She contrasted that with a standard rate increase, which entails a good deal of work by auditors to examine each component of utility fees and may result in different treatments of each component. Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to recommend to the Council that it adopt a simplified water rate increase of 3% to be effective 01/01/2019.

Monthly Invoices:

It was noted in response to a question that trail cameras had been installed in one industrial building where there was concern about possible authorized entry. Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to recommend Council approval of the monthly invoices.

Overcharge:

It was reported that one water customer had been overcharged significantly since 2002, which the Comptroller discovered. Reimbursement was made to that customer.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by M. Hraban, which was seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.