

TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 7, 2013
6:10 PM

Mayor Greer-Present
Vice-Mayor Lewis-Present
Councilman Ward-Present
Councilman Massey-Present
Councilman Doughty-Present
Councilman Duer-Present
Councilman Metz-Present

STAFF PRESENT: Ethel Parks, Lisa Weeks, Taylor Dukes.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Mayor Greer. Mayor Greer established a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 200 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPERSEDE ANY PREVIOUS ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO “ESTABLISH CHARGES AND CONDITIONS FOR WATER RATES, SEWER AND TRASH FEES”.

Mayor Greer noted that Section 1 of Ordinance No. 200 should be amended to read \$.25 per 100 gallons and Section 2 be amended to read \$.45 per 100 gallons. Councilman Duer asked how much an average water bill would be affected Mr. Dukes said that the larger users would mainly be affected.

Nick VonHollen addressed the Mayor and Council regarding his past due water bill and the interruption in service. He said that he feels that one month past due and fifteen days notice is unfair to the people who live here. Ms. Weeks and Mrs. Parks explained to the Mayor and Council that anyone whose service that was interrupted due to non-payment was from non-payment of the bill that was sent out on the first of September and that the bill was more than 30 days out. After much discussion, the Mayor and Council agreed to waive the reconnect fee for Mr. VonHollen and look into the Ordinance.

Donald E. Kellam, Jr. asked what the difference was in Sections 1 and 2 in Ordinance No. 200. Ms. Weeks said it had to do with the out-of-town users. Mr. Kellam noted that the small increase in the sewer fee is not enough for the sewer system to be self sufficient. Mayor Greer said that it is better to increase the rate a little at a time than all at once.

Councilman Ward stated that we will have our own pumping truck in the near future. He said that he is looking to have one sometime this year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Duer made the Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis. The Motion was passed unanimously.

Douglas Greer, Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk