

Earlham Municipal Enterprises Committee
February 15, 2018

The Earlham Municipal Enterprises Committee met on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at Earlham City Hall. Chairperson Fredericksen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the following answered roll: Fredericksen, Griswold, Payne. Also present: Clerk Hibbs.

1. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding water rate increase from Warren Water District. Hibbs stated she received a letter from Warren Water District notifying us their Board approved a \$0.15 per 1,000 gallons increase in bulk rate for water effective April 2018. This is a result of the Des Moines Water Works increasing their rate to the District in 2018 by 7%, therefore the cost increase is passed down to us.
Earlham's current water rates are:
First 1500 gal. - \$23.98; next 8500 gal - \$9.04/1000 gal; over 10,000 gal - \$10.91/1000 gal.
Discussion held on where to apply the \$0.15 increase. It was consensus of committee to apply the increase straight across the board.
Proposed rates would be:
First 1500 gal. - \$24.21; next 8500 gal - \$9.19/1000 gal; over 10,000 gal - \$11.07/1000 gal
Committee directed Hibbs to prepare ordinance with new rates for the next council meeting.

Hibbs brought us the subject of sewer rates. She said the recommendations of the Integrated Plan for our Iowa NPDES Permit, dated January 27, 2017, state the sewer rates should increase annually 3% through Fiscal year 2023 to cover the sewer revenue bonds and overcome a projected deficit in sewer revenue through Fiscal Year 2021. Consensus of Committee is to recommend the 3% increase in sewer rates and directed Hibbs to prepare ordinance for next Council meeting. Hibbs suggested the ordinance include raising the rates 3% every year, at least through 2023, to avoid having to pass an ordinance every year. Committee agreed this would be prudent.

2. Adjourn. Being there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Brock Fredericksen, Chairperson