

Town of Dillsboro

Public Hearing on Proposed Water Rates and Charges

October 25, 2021

The Town of Dillsboro Public Hearing was opened by Council President, Mary Lou Powers, with the pledge to the flag on October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer was given by Pastor Steve O'Brien from the CARE Team.

The council members present were Mary Lou Powers, Charles Baker, Doug Baker, Tom Wafford and Becky Fryman. Others present were Attorney John Watson; Town Manager/Economic Development Susan Greco; Clerk-Treasurer, Rita Stevens; Utility Superintendent, Kyle Cleeter; Temporary Utility Superintendent, Dino Schmaltz; London-Witte Group CPA, Robert Reynolds and Tim Heitmeyer, Jerry Caldwell, Kevin Elder, Matt Popovich (Register) and Ray Felts.

Attorney Watson presented the Water Rate Ordinance 2021-9-23 Amending Ordinance No. 2015-2.

Attorney Watson stated there has not been any increase in water rates and charges since 2015. Dillsboro gets their water from the City of Aurora which just increased their rate of 37%. In addition - upgrades needs to be done on a 1958 water line between Dillsboro to Aurora and 2 water tanks. The upgrades is 2.6 million dollars. Town did receive a \$700,000.00 grant leaving the projects to 1.9 million.

The typical family using 4,000 a month would be \$49.72.

There will be an additional Phase 2 rate increase of 10.7% in late March/April.

London-Witte Group did a water rate analysis for these figures to be determined.

Attorney Watson asked for any public comments. Kevin Elder asked how far out of Aurora is the water line on US 50. Answer was Cherokee Lane.

Being no further business. CM Wafford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Seconded by CM C. Baker. Motion carried.



Rita Stevens, Clerk-Treasurer

