

The following Ordinance was moved for adoption by Mrs. Jackie Balmer and seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes.

PROPOSITION NO. 331

ORDINANCE NO. 833

An Ordinance setting water usage rates for the town.

WHEREAS, the Town of Welsh, Louisiana is vested with the authority to assess and collect fees for the use of water services provided by the town and to pass ordinances to set the water usage rates, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are desirous of exercising said power, now therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, and it is hereby ordained by the same:

Section 1. That the Code of Ordinances, Town of Welsh, Louisiana, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered Sec. 21-7.20 which said section reads as follows:

Section 21-7.20 Water Rates

The water rates for customers of the town are hereby set at a minimum rate of \$11.00 for usage of two thousand (2,000) gallons or less and an additional rate of \$4.00 for each additional one thousand (1,000) gallons of usage thereafter for Residential Customers, Commercial Customers minimum rate of \$26.30 for usage of five thousand (5,000) gallons or less and an additional rate of \$4.11 for each additional one thousand (1,000) gallons of usage thereafter, and Industrial Customers minimum rate of \$46.70 for usage of ten thousand (10,000) gallons or less and an additional rate of \$4.31 for each additional one thousand (1,000) gallons of usage thereafter. The effective date is August 1, 2023.

- a. The rates established in this article shall be reviewed annually by the town and revised upward or downward as necessary to reflect, at a minimum, revenues to pay the actual cost of administration, operation, maintenance, extension, development and improvement, including debt service and reserve requirements on any revenue bond of the water system.
- b. A rate adjustment may be made only after review of the computations by the town clerk, town superintendent and certified public accountants of the town, and their certification that such amount will provide the necessary revenues for the system.
- c. Regulations promulgated under this article shall provide for the right of appeal for refund of user fees paid under protest with respect to any provision of this article, directly to the mayor and board of aldermen.

After public hearing was held on the above ordinance, the title having been read and the ordinance considered for adoption the vote was taken and the following result was:

Vote by roll call follows:

Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Lawrence Mier

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on this 5th day of July, 2023.

KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX

Town Clerk

I certify that the foregoing ordinance was presented to the Mayor by me on _____, 2023.

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, CLERK

I acknowledge receipt of the above ordinance from the clerk on _____, 2023.

KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR

I hereby _____ the ordinance on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR

I certify the above ordinance was received by me from the Mayor on _____, 2023.

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, CLERK