

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DENTON
CITY OF CORINTH**

On this the 21st day of September 2017 the City Council of the City of Corinth, Texas met in a Regular Session at the Corinth City Hall at 7:00 P.M., located at 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth, Texas. The meeting date, time, place and purpose as required by Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter C, Section 551.041, Government Code, with the following members to wit:

Members Present:

Bill Heidemann, Mayor
Joe Harrison, Mayor Pro-Tem
Sam Burke, Council Member
Lowell Johnson, Council Member
Scott Garber, Council Member
Don Glockel, Council Member

Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Bob Hart, City Manager
Fred Gibbs, Planning and Development Director
Cody Collier, Public Works Director
Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Finance Director
Chris Rodriquez, Finance Manager
Angie Watson, Utility Billing Supervisor
Guadalupe Ruiz, Human Resource Director
Jason Alexander, Economic Development Corporation Director
Greg Wilkerson, Asst. Chief of Police
Randy Robinson, Sergeant of Police
Curtis Birt, Fire Chief
Kim Pence, City Secretary
Brenton Copeland, Assistant Manager, Technology Services
Mike Brownlee, City Engineer
Lori Levy, Senior Planner
Mack Reinwand, City Attorney

Others Present:

Jennifer Bertram, Senior Account Executive, Enterprise Fleet Management

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & TEXAS PLEDGE
"Honor the Texas Flag: I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and
indivisible".**

Mayor Heidemann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Councilmember Garber delivered the invocation and Mr. Hart led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. Should the Mayor, a Councilmember, or any citizen desire discussion of any Item that Item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Consider and act on minutes from the July 20, 2017 Workshop Session.
2. Consider and act on minutes from the July 20, 2017 Regular Session.
3. Consider and act on minutes from the August 3, 2017 Workshop Session.
4. Consider and act on minutes from the August 10, 2017 Workshop Session.
5. Consider and act on minutes from the August 10, 2017 Special Session.
6. Consider and act on minutes from the August 17, 2017 Workshop Session.
7. Consider and act on Amendment No. 6 to the Lake Sharon Roadway design contract to add Construction Phase Services in the amount of \$27,550.00.

Councilmember Harrison - pulled item #7 for discussion.

MOTION made by Councilmember Harrison to add in the amount "not to exceed" \$27,550.00. Seconded by Councilmember Glockel.

AYES: Burke, Garber, Johnson, Harrison, Glockel
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

8. Consider and act on an ordinance amending the Subdivision Regulations being a part of the Unified Development Code (UDC) Ordinance No. 13-05-02-08, as amended, Section 3.04.05 E Security for Completion of Improvements.

MOTION made by Councilmember Garber to approve items #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #8 of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Burke.

AYES: Burke, Garber, Johnson, Harrison, Glockel
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

CITIZENS COMMENTS

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from acting on or discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) any items brought before them at this time. Citizen's comments will be limited to 3 minutes. Comments about any of the Council agenda items are appreciated by the Council and may be taken into consideration at this time or during that agenda item. Please complete a Public Input form if you desire to address the City Council. All remarks and questions addressed to the Council shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any individual member thereof. Section 30.041B Code of Ordinance of the City of Corinth.

No one spoke

PUBLIC HEARING

- 9. To hear public opinion regarding amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance being a part of the Unified Development Code (UDC) Ordinance No. 13-05-02-08, as amended, Section 2.10.08 Site Plans.**

Fred Gibbs, Planning and Development Director - this is the Public Hearing for the site plan process. There is a Public Hearing tonight because it is in the zoning Ordinance and it is part of the process in order to amend the Unified Development Code (UDC) and to become effective.

This will allow staff to have the ability to approve site plans if they meet the ordinance as written in the Unified Development Code (UDC). If there is a change or some type of alternative compliance those will still come before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council for consideration.

Mayor Heidemann opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. There was no public comment.

Mayor Heidemann closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

BUSINESS:

Consider and act on an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance being a part of the Unified Development Code (UDC) Ordinance No. 13-05-02-08, as amended, Section 2.10.08 Site Plans.

MOTION made by Councilmember Harrison to approve the Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance being a part of the Unified Development Code (UDC) Ordinance No. 13-05-02-08, as amended, Section 2.10.08 Site Plans. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

AYES: Burke, Garber, Johnson, Harrison, Glockel
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 10. Consider and act on an Ordinance adopting the 2017-2018 Annual Budget and appropriating resources for the budget year beginning October 1, 2017.**

Bob Hart, City Manager - the recommended budget that we are bringing you tonight is a total of

\$17,973,317 that is inclusive of all of the items that Council reviewed during the workshops on which the public hearing was based with the following changes:

Elimination of 6 firefighter positions - \$166,080

Elimination of hiring cost for 6 firefighter positions - \$61,687

Elimination of Council/Board Compensation - \$588

Elimination of DPS Lab Testing Fees - \$20,800

Elimination of SAFER Grant revenue for 6 firefighter positions - \$107,122

MOTION made by Councilmember Garber to approve an Ordinance adopting the 2017-2018 Annual Budget and appropriating resources for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

AYES: Burke, Garber, Johnson, Glockel

NOES: Harrison

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

11. Consider and act on an Ordinance levying and adopting the tax rate for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Bob Hart, City Manager - the recommended tax rate is \$0.55000 per \$100 valuation. One of the elements that was also discussed was on the effective tax rate which is \$0.53686 and it is at Council's discretion to set that rate to fund the budget.

MOTION made by Councilmember Garber to amend the Ordinance to adopt the effective tax rate of \$0.53686 per 100 assessed valuation which will provide about the same amount of revenue as the prior year. Seconded by Councilmember Glockel.

Councilmember Burke - the proposed budget and budgets for the coming years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 all contain assumption as all budgets do. There are some assumptions made in these budgets which exclude costs significant capital costs and operating costs then in all probability the City will be required to incur. The first of those is an additional water tower, our current information is that the cost of that water tower will be in the area of \$4 million dollars. Tonight we are going to vote on an increase to our water rate that does not fund that capital expenditure. Even if we enacted the proposed tax rate of \$0.55000 our general fund balance would not be sufficient to fund that single known upcoming liability.

Additionally, we have approved and in the process of constructing and improving a public safety facility which at this time is unstaffed and the staffing requirements for which have not been determined. We are in the process of studying that. We know that if it is staffed at any level it will create an obligation and operating expense that I don't believe is accurately reflected in what we have been shown and what you might be looking at with regard to its effect on net income and fund balance. The net effect of all that is, is we have a budget that looks like it will balance and be responsible in the coming years based on an effective rate but it is not.

One of the things that this Council in the past has done very well is maintain the credit rating of this City and put this City in a position when there are downturns and opportunities to buy and spend when you can maximize your dollar, they have been in the position to do that. Probably the best example of that are the

roads and infrastructure including Corinth Parkway, Lake Sharon, and the west side of Corinth. That opportunity to borrow money and to borrow it at a cost effective rate depends on financial responsibility and it depends on acknowledging the likely expenses that the City is going to incur in the future and not passing a budget that ignores those responsibilities and those known expenditures. I think that is what passing a budget on the effective tax rate would do. Some of the folks that sit on this Council today are responsible for the position the City was in to take advantage of those downturns and I hope that they will continue the pattern that they have shown a financial responsibility and vote against the effective rate and acknowledge the situation that we are really in and the inconsistency of that with numbers in the modified budget.

Councilmember Garber - Councilmember Burke is not wrong. There are things that are facing this City in the future that will require money to remedy but more importantly it is going to require debate and debate between the citizens and this Council and I think one of the things that was a little lacking this year was the debate. There is a lot of time and energy that is put into this budget and a lot of forethought in all of us. Every single one of us on this Council is making a vote that is what they is the best for this City, not this year, not next year, five years from now.

Where I sit with this effective tax rate is 2 or 3 weeks into this I do not have a line item that I can plug those extra dollars in to. It might be helpful to have that in our fund balance and I don't disagree with having that in our fund balance but in my opinion that is not what we are voting on tonight. It was voting on the budget as presented with the amount of debate that we had to put in to the budget and that is what we are voting on tonight.

AYES: Garber, Harrison, Glockel
NOES: Burke, Johnson
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

12. Consider and act on an Ordinance approving the 2017 Tax Rolls and accepting the anticipated collection rate of 100 percent for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

Bob Hart, City Manager - this item is required to be on the agenda for Council action based on State law and it is simply a statement of the assumption on the collection rate. Corinth has an excellent collection rate that occurs here and it is being recommended at 100%.

MOTION made by Councilmember Johnson to amend the Ordinance to change the 2017 proposed tax roll of \$10,739,601 to \$10,483,022 and to accept the submission of the certified collection rate of 100 percent for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018. Seconded by Councilmember Glockel.

AYES: Burke, Garber, Johnson, Harrison, Glockel
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

13. Consider vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the city's annual budget for FY 2017-2018.

City Council adopted the effective tax rate. Motion on item #13 is not required.

14. Consider and act on a master agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to finance and manage the replacement of the city's fleet.

Item # 14 has been pulled.

15. Consider and act on an ordinance approving the Water and Wastewater Rates in the master fee schedule for the Fiscal Year 2017-18 as presented by Nelisa Heddin Consulting, LLC.

Bob Hart, City Manager - Corinth is 1 of 26 Cities that are members of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District. Corinth has a subscription rate of 7.5 million gallons of water a day that we can take, we are contractually obligated up to that point. If we exceed that the cost would go up.

In the winter we generally use about 3 million gallons of water. In the summer during the peak periods Aug/Sept we generally peak out at about 7.2 to 7.5 million gallons of water and so we are using that very peak level for just a few weeks out of the year but we are having to pay to reserve that water to have it available for us for the balance of the year.

Cities that have supplemental water supply such as wells or another alternative water supply source, they are able to reduce the cost of their overall water because of the secondary water supply. Corinth does not have that and we rely on the Upper Trinity 100% for our water supply.

Entity Name		Residential	Commercial	Total	Subscription Mod	Subscription per Acct Total
Entities that are served by UTRWD only						
Denton Co. Fresh Water Supply District 6-7 (Lantana)		3,300	30	3,330	3.20	961
Corinth - Current		6,800	334	7,134	7.50	1,051
Mustang SUD (Providence/Savannah)		6,400	-	6,400	2.90	453
LCMUA (Shady Shores/Lake Dallas/Hickory Creek)	wells as secondary for peak demand	4,526	399	4,925	3.80	772
Entities with multiple water providers						
Denton Co. Fresh Water Supply District 1A (Castle Hill)	City of Lewisville	3,791	91	3,882	3.00	773
Cross Timbers Water Supply (Bartonville/Copper Canyon/Double Oak)	wells	2,300	15	2,315	2.50	1,080
Prosper	wells	7,300	175	7,475	1.00	134
Flower Mound	Own/Lake Lewisville/Lake Grapevine	20,018	108	20,126	30.00	1,491
Krum	wells	1,716	97	1,813	0.40	221
Celina	wells	4,576	196	4,772	2.50	524
Argyle Water Supply (Argyle/Bartonville)	wells	2,300	45	2,345	2.00	853
Sanger	wells	2,522	304	2,826	0.50	177
Aubrey	wells	1,059	122	1,181	0.10	85
Justin	wells	1,300	100	1,400	0.85	607
Highland Village	wells	5,200	300	5,500	3.00	545
UTRWD Board member - No Water Subscription						
Lewisville	Own/Lake Lewisville	16,875	5,625	22,500	None	None
Pilot Point	wells	1,500	200	1,700	None	None
Denton	Own/Lake Lewisville/Ray Roberts	29,411	4,784	34,195	None	None
Ponder	wells	945	55	1,000	None	None
Little Elm	North Texas Municipal Water District	10,313	188	10,501	None	None

UTRWD Member Comparison

Entity Name	Base Rate	Volumetric 10,000	Total Water	Total WW 5,000	Total Bill
Entities that are served by UTRWD only					
Denton Co. Fresh Water Supply District 6-7 (Lantana)	27.00	29.70	56.70	40.00	96.70
Corinth - Current	23.27	27.70	50.97	49.39	100.36
Mustang SUD (Providence/Savannah)	26.75	34.40	61.15	49.15	110.30
Corinth - Proposed	44.62	27.50	72.12	39.74	111.86
LCMUA (Shady Shores/Lake Dallas/Hickory Creek)	30.00	53.00	83.00	52.40	135.40
Entities with multiple water providers					
Denton Co. Fresh Water Supply District 1A (Castle Hill)	34.75	29.92	64.67	None	64.67
Cross Timbers Water Supply (Bartonville/Copper Canyon/Double Oak)	38.25	32.50	70.75	None	70.75
Prosper	11.12	37.40	48.52	40.23	88.75
Flower Mound	32.82	30.00	62.82	31.29	94.11
Krum	16.20	31.52	47.72	46.77	94.49
Celina	22.25	39.68	61.93	37.79	99.72
Argyle Water Supply (Argyle/Bartonville)	27.04	30.97	58.01	43.64	101.65
Sanger	21.74	40.55	62.29	43.10	105.39
Aubrey	29.09	46.13	75.22	35.70	110.92
Justin	27.50	54.00	81.50	33.00	114.50
Highland Village	31.00	28.00	59.00	60.60	119.60
UTRWD Board member - No Water Subscription					
Lewisville	14.78	24.40	39.18	19.75	58.93
Pilot Point	22.08	27.61	49.69	31.64	81.33
Denton	16.00	41.50	57.50	31.50	89.00
Ponder	25.85	33.95	59.80	38.11	97.91
Little Elm	22.70	48.16	70.86	42.29	113.15

UTRWD Member Comparison

Total Customer Count 7,134

FIXED CHARGES

Subscription payment for 7.5 mgd	\$ 3,211,500
Joint facilities charge	669,885
Individual Facilities (Pipeline)	50,220
Individual Facilities (Booster Station)	32,120
Administration Fee	5,855
Minimum Daily Volume 1.35 mgd	546,953
Total Water Fixed Charges	\$ 4,516,533

Fixed fee per Customer/per month	\$ 52.76
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WWTP O&M Charge 630,660

Fixed fee per Customer/per month	\$ 7.37
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VOLUMETRIC CHARGES

Water volume charge	\$1.11 /1,000 gallon
Wastewater treatment volume charge	\$1.25 /1,000 gallon
Pipeline usage volume charge	\$0.055/1,000 gallon

UTRWD Charges Analysis

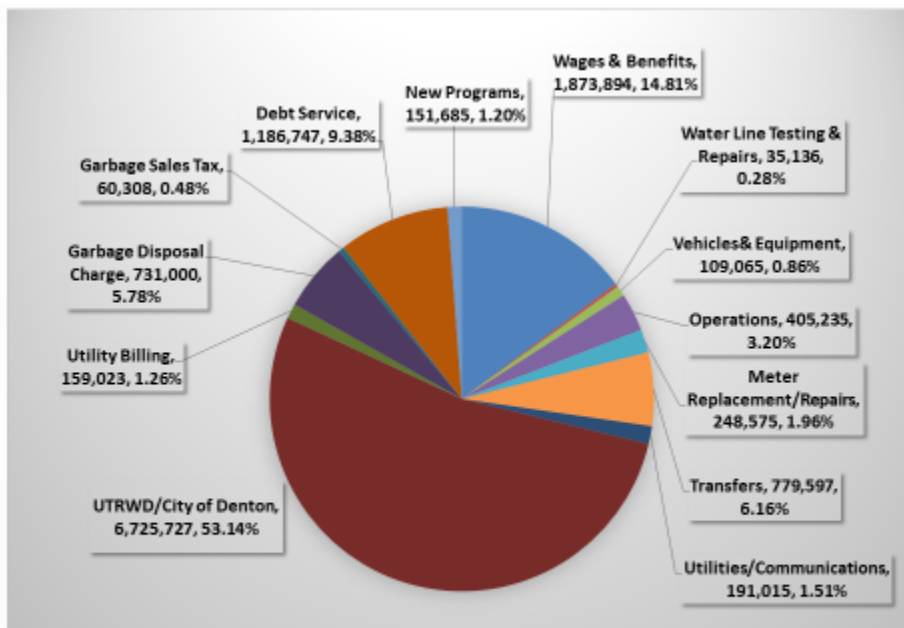
The City pays \$3,211,500 a year to have the water available anytime that we need it during the year. The joint facility charge and individual facilities is the cost that we pay the Upper Trinity for allocated share of the water treatment plant, to purify the water and the pipelines to bring the water to Corinth. The minimum daily volume charge is a charge that the City pays whether we use any water or not.

When we exceed the 1.35 mgd then we pay a water volume charge of \$1.11 per 1,000 gallons. So anything that we use over the 1.35 mgd all the way up to the 7.5 mgd which is what we are subscribed to get then we pay the \$1.11 per 1,000 for that water supply.

The last two items the City pays for is our allocated share of the wastewater treatment plant to the Upper Trinity and we pay for a pipeline to take the wastewater to the plant. The most important point is \$4.5 million dollars is what we will pay whether we use a drop of water or not.

	2016-17 Projected Actuals	2017-18 Proposed	2018-19 Projected	2019-20 Projected	2020-21 Projected
Water Charges	5,839,810	7,758,303	7,758,303	7,758,303	7,758,303
Wastewater Charges	4,306,237	3,288,209	3,288,209	3,288,209	3,288,209
Garbage	786,740	796,000	796,160	796,322	796,485
Charges & Fees	420,600	333,000	336,330	339,693	343,090
Interest Income	9,500	7,500	7,575	7,651	7,727
Miscellaneous Income	70,869	72,300	73,023	73,754	74,491
Transfers	240,924	335,385	342,092	348,933	355,911
Total Resources	11,674,680	12,590,697	12,601,692	12,612,865	12,624,216
Wages & Benefits	1,640,373	1,873,894	1,917,205	1,960,056	2,002,908
Maintenance & Operations	9,145,820	9,494,681	9,889,401	10,241,727	10,633,119
Debt Payment	1,034,880	1,186,747	1,097,751	875,793	740,499
One-Time Expenditures	166,049	101,685	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	11,987,122	12,657,007	12,904,357	13,077,576	13,376,526
Net Income	(312,442)	(66,310)	(302,665)	(464,711)	(752,310)
Ending Fund Balance	2,451,470	2,385,160	2,082,495	1,617,784	865,474
Fund Requirement - 25%	2,996,781	3,164,252	3,226,089	3,269,394	3,344,132
Effective Fund Balance	20.45%	18.84%	16.14%	12.37%	6.47%

Utility Long Range Forecast



26 FTE
Total Water/Wastewater Expenditures \$12,657,007

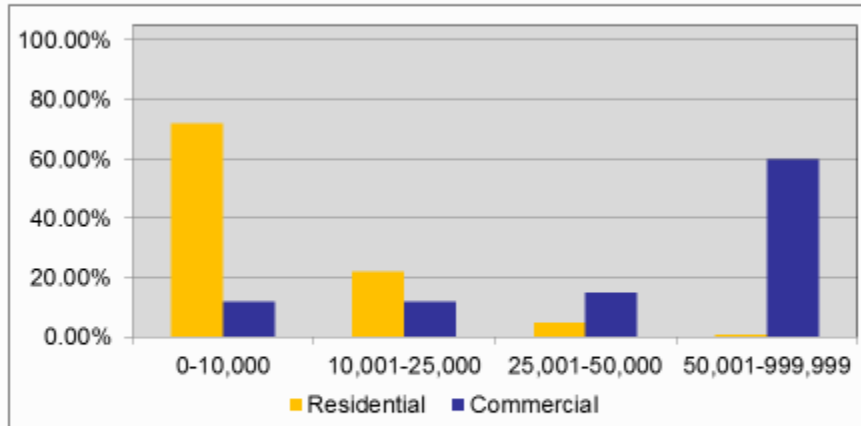
Utility Fund Expenditure Analysis

When we look at expenses, we have wages and benefits, maintenance and operations. The first one is wages and benefits, we have a total of 26 employees within the water and wastewater system and that is both operational features of the system to maintain it and also for the utility billing for your water billing and that sort of stuff.

The average salary for employees is about \$44,000 and that makes up a total of about \$1.9 million dollars. The second component is the operational side, just over 53% of the utility system is to pay the Upper Trinity the water and wastewater that we are using and we also have a small portion of our sewer that goes over to Denton and is treated there so we pay them.

The other feature are the water line testing and repairs, meter replacement and repairs, all of those some of the various costs within those categories.

Utility Customers Based on Usage



Residential Customers (95.3%) 6,800
 Commercial Customers (4.7%) 334
 Total Customers 7,134

Base Rates	Current	City	UTRWD	Total	Total vs Current	% Diff
5/8 x 3/4	23.27	13.35	31.27	44.62	21.35	91.7%
full 3/4	32.25	14.68	34.40	49.08	16.83	52.2%
1 inch	32.25	18.69	43.78	62.47	30.22	93.7%
1 1/2 inch	65.15	24.02	56.29	80.31	15.16	23.3%
2 inch	100.70	38.70	90.69	129.39	28.69	28.5%
3 inch	210.25	146.80	344.01	490.81	280.56	133.4%
4 inch	330.10	186.83	437.83	624.66	294.56	89.2%
6 inch	660.95	280.25	656.74	936.99	276.04	41.8%
10 inch	1,510.65	603.72	906.93	1,510.65	-	0.0%
Residential Rates						
0-3,000	2.77	-	2.15	2.15	(0.62)	-22.4%
3,001-5,000	2.77	-	2.65	2.65	(0.12)	-4.3%
5,001-10,000	2.77	-	3.15	3.15	0.38	13.7%
10,001-25,000	4.77	2.97	3.27	6.24	1.47	30.8%
25,001-50,000	6.77	5.94	3.27	9.21	2.44	36.0%
50,001 +	8.77	8.91	3.27	12.18	3.41	38.9%
Commercial Rates						
0-10,000	3.68	.84	3.27	4.11	0.43	11.7%
10,001-25,000	4.68	1.84	3.27	5.11	0.43	9.2%
25,001-50,000	5.68	2.84	3.27	6.11	0.43	7.6%
50,001 +	6.68	3.84	3.27	7.11	0.43	6.4%
Wastewater						
Base Rate	21.39	21.39	-	21.39	-	0.0%
Volumetric	5.60	0.96	2.71	3.67	(1.93)	-34.5%

Residential Utility Bill Comparison

Assumes 5,000 gallons of Wastewater

	Seniors 10,000	5,000	10,000	20,000	30,000	75,000
Current	42.66	37.12	50.97	98.67	156.37	511.02
Current WW	43.79	49.39	49.39	49.39	49.39	49.39
Total Current Residential	86.45	86.51	100.36	148.06	205.76	560.41
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City	13.35	13.35	13.35	43.05	87.60	429.15
UTRWD	47.02	43.02	58.77	91.47	124.17	271.32
Total Bill	60.37	56.37	72.12	134.52	211.77	700.47
Proposed WW	36.07	39.74	39.74	39.74	39.74	39.74
Total 50% Residential	96.44	96.11	111.86	174.26	251.51	740.21
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Difference	9.99	9.60	11.50	26.20	45.75	179.80
% Difference	11.5%	11.1%	11.5%	17.7%	22.2%	32.1%

The proposed rates include a senior citizen discount where senior citizens receive 5,000 gallons of water and 1,000 gallons of wastewater included in their monthly minimum bill.

UTRWD Fee – 50% Base Rate

A senior using 5,000 gallons of water would see an increase in their bill of about \$8.09, just over 11% increase. For a senior using 10,000 gallons of water their bill would go from \$86.45 to \$96.44 a month

for an increase of \$9.99. For the rest of us that are not seniors you can see the impact on the bill for 5,000 gallons of water, 10,000, 20,000, 30,000 and 75,000 gallons of water and those impacts to the bill.

The other feature is dealing with trying to balance between those fixed cost recovery and those variable costs. What the proposal is on these rates is to shift more of the cost to the fixed cost recovery and what that does is stabilize the revenue over the long term for the water system.

MOTION made by Councilmember Johnson to approve the Ordinance setting water and wastewater rates in the Master Fee Schedule for FY 2017/2018 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Garber.

Councilmember Harrison - if you consider what we did with the tax rate we established. If you got a 200,000 dollar home your tax bill would be approximately \$1,073 a year. If we have gone to a different tax rate, we lowered it from a rollback rate of \$1,100 approximately so what I tried to do and my decision on whether to accept the water rate or not, I tried to make sure that we could offset some of that costs by reducing the taxes. It is not a lot but we tried to offset the increase that the residents will incur on the water wastewater rates. We have to pay for the water and wastewater, we have no other alternative. It is a cost to us so that is why I intend to support the water and wastewater increase. We reduced the wastewater rates also and that is important also.

Councilmember Johnson - in making the motion that I did, after reading all the social media and I thank everyone that sent me their email. Those of us that sit on the Council pay these rates too. My water rate with the new proposed bill will go up about 25% so I feel the pain. We are not taking anything we all are in this and we all suffer. Back in 1989 the City of Corinth made a conscious decision to join the Upper Trinity, now are the rates eventually going to get better? No they are not. This year we see an increase and Upper Trinity will raise the rates next year probably 5 to 8% so in that column that you see UTRWD, you will see an increase in those numbers again.

Before, the City had been subsidizing those rates and combining them in the base rates and we were never raising the base rates, we were raising the volumetric rates in order to recoup that number to pay the bills. In a good year when it was dry we covered the note in a bad year when it was wet we did not. Our old rates were based on a 3 year cycle, you paid the first year of a new rate system you paid probably about double of what we needed to collect. The second year you break even and the third year you under pay and it comes out even on a 3 year basis and the last 6 years the base rates have not gone up and as a result we are in a situation now where we do not have much choice but to go to this 1 year annual rate system that we are going to.

The bottom line is our water rates are going to go up and this may be the first step in several years that our water rates will go up 3 to 5 to 8% a year. Unfortunate it is a situation that we have to manage.

Councilmember Garber - we talked about the budget that there were assumptions made in years 4 and 5 and out. What Council does is we spend time together debating the way to get to these out years better this way or that way, we can debate assumptions. On the water rate, there is not debate, there is nothing that can be done the rates have to go up. There were things that we did to try and make this easier especially for our seniors. The way that the bills are going to be pushed out will help our citizens better understand the way that the rates work and we are still less than Highland Village including Lake Dallas, Shady Shores, Hickory Creek, Little Elm I think is one of them. I hear the comment all the time I moved from Highland Village 5 years ago and I am paying double now... Well if you stayed in Highland Village you would be paying more in Highland Village than you would here. Water rates for everybody are going up and what we are desperately working on is a solution for that. 75% of our costs on the water bill are fixed, that means the City has no control over those.

Councilmember Glockel - I also appreciate the fact that people took the time to let us know how they feel. It seem that a fairly high percentage of the folks that were sending the emails out fell into a senior citizens category which several of us up here fall into. There was a very conscious effort trying to eliminate as much of the increase on that senior citizen as possible. I appreciate everybody's patients and input.

AYES: Burke, Garber, Johnson, Harrison, Glockel
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The purpose of this section is to allow each councilmember the opportunity to provide general updates and/or comments to fellow councilmembers, the public, and/or staff on any issues or future events. Also, in accordance with Section 30.085 of the Code of Ordinances, at this time, any Councilmember may direct that an item be added as a business item to any future agenda.

Councilmember Garber - I would like to thank the staff for this budget season. I was really happy and impressed with the information that was being presented and more than that, thank you Bob Hart, this was his first budget season with us and I know we are trying to learn each other and make it through this process and there has been some ups and downs and I really appreciate what you have done here.

As we move in to budget season next year, I would like to request if it is at all possible, if we could open some time for Council to debate some of these policy decisions and the 5 year forecast.

Councilmember Johnson - I agree staff did a wonderful job, they always do. I know it is always hard. A few years back we had a Resolution that allowed us to start the budget process much earlier back in February or March with a series of Public Hearing or for at least open mic time for people to come and speak and give us an idea of what they would like to see in the budget so that we as a Council can start building that budget and those consensus earlier.

Councilmember Harrison - in the beginning of the year we had problems and we still have problems with the flood plain area north of Fair Oaks Circle and north part of Corinth. The problem is the weeds and rats. We could not adjust it because the property was accepted by the Denton Independent School District under tax sale and so it is not ours to take care of. The City manager is working on a way where we can assume the responsibility I guess.. City Manager... I just want everybody to understand that he has worked with that since the 1st of the year and I think maybe we will see some solution here in the next few months.

Councilmember Glockel - you witnessed tonight that we don't always vote the same way but what is refreshing and unique is that tomorrow the same folks can come together on a new subject and deal with it without any animosity from what happen today. I think you have a good council, everybody thinks on their own, says what they think, staff puts up with us and it is a great organization to work with.

Bob Hart, City Manager - I will be giving you an update for you but I think we have everything worked out to get that lot issue resolved. The Mayor signed a letter I needed today to formally get that process underway.

Mayor Heidemann - thank you to the staff, I know this budget season was a little cumbersome and you worked extra hard than normally we would ask. This is what democracy is all about and we all come

together. We all don't think the same and we have different ideas but when the night is over we move forward and we are looking out for what is the best for the City of Corinth.

There was no Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council will convene in such executive or (closed session) to consider any matters regarding any of the above agenda items as well as the following matters pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Section 551.071. (1) Private consultation with its attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation; and/or settlement offer; and/or (2) a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State of Texas clearly conflicts with chapter 551.

Section 551.072. To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.074. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

Section 551.087. To deliberate or discuss regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

After discussion of any matters in closed session, any final action or vote taken will be in public by the City Council. City Council shall have the right at any time to seek legal advice in Closed Session from its Attorney on any agenda item, whether posted for Closed Session or not.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Heidemann adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

AYES: All

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by Council on the 7th day of December 2017.

Kimberly Pence
Kimberly Pence, City Secretary
City of Corinth, Texas