RESOLUTION 2012-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILLWOOD, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER RATES

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.80.010 and RCW 35.92.010, the City Council of the City of Millwood ("City Council") is authorized to fix the rates and charges for water and sewer system services provided by the City of Millwood ("City"); and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.92.010 sets forth a number of factors the City Council may, in its discretion, consider in fixing rates and charges for water system services, including: The difference in cost of service to the various customers; location of the various customers within and without the city or town; the difference in cost of maintenance, operation, repair, and replacement of the various parts of the system; the different character of the service furnished various customers; the quantity and quality of the water furnished; the time of its use; the achievement of water conservation goals and the discouragement of wasteful water use practices; capital contributions made to the system including, but not limited to, assessments; and any other matters which present a reasonable difference as a ground for distinction…"; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 63, codified in chapter 13.03 Millwood Municipal Code, provides for the fixing of rates for water system service; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 63 further provides that the City Council may increase the water rates by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 97 provides for the fixing of rates for sewer system service; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 97 provides that the City Council may increase the sewer rates by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that increases in the City's water and sewer rates are necessary in order to maintain adequate revenues in the Water Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has further determined, after consideration of the factors set forth in RCW 35.92.010, it is in the best interest of the City to establish and maintain a new City water rate for the purposes of private irrigation service, as defined herein; and

WHEREAS, section 2 of the City's Interlocal Sewer Service Agreement with Spokane County, dated November 3, 1992, states that the City's sewer service charge for non-residential wastewater customers shall be determined on the basis of metered water volume provided to users during the non-irrigating season; and

WHEREAS, section 13.16.060(A) of the Millwood Municipal Code was adopted by Ordinance No. 219 in 1992; this section states that nonresidential sewer customers are to be charged for service based on estimated wastewater flow volume contributed by the customer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has further determined that section 13.16.060(A) of the Millwood Municipal Code should now be implemented in order to charge equitable rates for sewer service and to increase sewer revenues to sustain the Sewer Fund;

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Millwood, Washington, as follows:

1. The following rates shall be charged for water usage effective January 1, 2013:

    1. Residential and Commercial Service:
        a. Monthly service, including the first 1,000 cu. ft. of water consumption per month, shall be charged a fee of $20.00 per month.
        b. Usage above 1,000 cu. ft. per month up to 2,000 cu. ft per month shall be charged at the rate of $0.20 per 100 cu. ft. per month
        c. Usage above 2,000 cu. ft. per month shall be charged at the rate of $0.30 per 100 cu ft. per month
    2. Public Irrigation Service:
        a. Public irrigation service shall be charged a usage rate of $0.20 per 100 cu. ft. for usage up to 88,000 cu. ft. per month.
        b. Usage above 88,000 cu. ft. per month shall be charged at the rate of $0.30 per 100 cu. ft. per month.
        c. "Public irrigation service" shall be defined as water usage by a public entity for irrigation of publicly-owned properties, such as park and playground areas, and incidental water use related thereto. Each public irrigation service account shall be separately metered to reasonably ensure that water is being used by the public entity for the restricted and limited purposes set forth herein.
    3. Private Irrigation Service
        a. Usage up to 22,000 cu. ft. per month shall be charged at the rate of $0.20 per 100 cu. ft. per month.
        b. Usage above 22,000 cu. ft. per month shall be charged at the rate of $0.30 per 100 cu. ft. per month.
        c. "Private irrigation service" shall be defined as water usage by a customer for irrigation through a service separate from the residential and commercial service during the irrigation season beginning May 1 and ending October 31. Each public irrigation service account shall be separately metered to reasonably ensure that water is being used for the restricted and limited purposes set forth herein.

2. The following rates shall be charged for sewer service effective January 1, 2013:

    1. Residential Service The sewer rate charge to those residential customers served by the Public Sewer System of the City of Millwood shall be increased to $35.40 per month effective January 1, 2013.

    2. Nonresidential Service

a. The sewer service charge for nonresidential customers shall be based on estimated wastewater flow volume contributed by the customer. The city shall estimate the wastewater flow volume of nonresidential customers by the metered water volume provided to the customer during the nonirrigating season, by actual wastewater flow measurements or by any other method of estimating wastewater flow deemed appropriate by the city.

b. The following rates shall be charged for sewer usage effective January 1, 2013:

i. Monthly service, including the first 800 cu. ft. of estimated wastewater flow volume per month, as described in this section, shall be charged a fee of $35.40 per month.

ii. Estimated wastewater flow volume above 800 cu. ft. per month shall be charged at the rate of $1.44 per 100 cu. ft. per month

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILLWOOD THIS 18th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.

DANIEL N. MORK, MAYOR

Attest:

THOMAS G. RICHARDSON, CITY CLERK