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Press Release

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Greenville, IL, July 14, 2010:**

Council Approves Sewer Rate Adjustments

The City of Greenville City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 13, 2010. During the meeting, the Council discussed proposed wastewater treatment rate adjustments.

The rate adjustments are necessary due to increasing costs, maintenance needs, and lagging revenues. Climbing expenses including energy costs, chemical costs, aging equipment, and pipe repair are issues contributing to the rate adjustment.

According to Greenville City Manager, Dave Willey, the action taken by the City Council will stabilize and strengthen the sewer fund. "An appropriate balance is needed in the sewer operating fund," Willey stated. "Analysis and recommendations by the City's auditors indicated that rate adjustments were needed in order establish an appropriate fund balance."

"As experienced in the past year, a major sewer repair or maintenance needs can be costly," the City Manager explained. "The sewer main break on Illinois Route 40 south of Paul's Friendly City Mobile Home Park required an expenditure of \$100,000. The City annually re- lines manholes and replaces pumps, motors, and other operating parts at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. These large – ticket items can reduce the sewer fund significantly"

"It is the City's goal to keep the sewer system in good repair and follow a preventative maintenance schedule," Willey commented. "As the auditors identified, it is important to adjust the sewer rates and have revenues keep pace with increasing operational costs. The Sewer Department will continue to reduce costs, where possible." The City Manager said the Council adopted a rate adjustment schedule that took into consideration the needs of residential, industrial, and commercial customers.

Following discussion, the City Council approved a rate adjustment to be effective July 1, 2010. Utility customers will see the adjustment on their statement received the first of August. Even though adjustments are being made, Willey said Greenville's sewer rates remain in the mid – range and very competitive with surrounding communities.

Current Sewer rate schedule:

First 2000 gal. = \$7.35
Each additional 1000 gal. = \$3.69
BOD Surcharge / pound = \$0.31
TSS Surcharge / pound = \$0.37

New Sewer rate schedule – effective July 1, 2010:

First 2000 gal. = \$10.22
Each additional 1000 gal. = \$5.11
BOD Surcharge / pound = \$0.41
TSS Surcharge / pound = \$0.47

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