

APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
Water Rates
Meeting August 7, 2023

A Special Meeting was held at the Lancaster City Hall located at 209 E Washington Street.

Present: Mayor Lucas McElhinney, Councilmen: John West, Cole Tippet, Paul Reynolds and Tommy Roberts. Margaret Reynolds-City Clerk, George Reindel-Water/Sewer Operator, Jimmy McNary-Park and Maintenance Supervisor

Guest: Junior Buckallew and Gary Years

Mayor McElhinney called the hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

Discussion:

The Mayor and Council discussed the .15 cent per 1000 gallon rate increase from Rathbun. Also, the unusually high water loss that has been occurring for the last 19 months. In the 2022 year, our water loss was 15.61%. In the 2023 year it is 16.31%. This translates into approximately \$23,401.54 revenue loss.

The Mayor found an unmetered water source at MFA Agra-Services, which they have been using to spread chemicals. This line originally was put in by MFA many years ago. At some point, the city took over the line. Every house or commercial building on that line was and is metered including the MFA store. One water sources was over looked belonging to MFA during the changeover from MFA to the City, so many years ago.

Depending on the number of acres MFA has spread in the past two seasons, it may or may not be our only water loss problem. The Mayor will talk with MFA and we will continue to look for leaks and other reasons why the water loss increased from an average of 7% over the prior five years, to its current rate.

A motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Cole Tippet to increase the water rate by .15 per 1000 gallons of water for residential, commercial and resale. The Mayor called for a roll call vote. Paul Reynolds; yes, John West yes; Cole Tippet; yes and Tommy Roberts; yes. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

As there is no further business, a motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Cole Tippet to adjourn the meeting. The Mayor called for the vote, all were in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm

Minutes taken by Margaret Reynolds, City Clerk _____

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Date approved: _____ day of September, 2023