



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ACTION FORM

AGENDA DATE:	03/08/2022		
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Discussion, consideration, and possible action on amending Chapter 13 "Utilities" and Article A5.000 "Utility Rates and Charges" of the City's Code of Ordinances		
PREPARED BY:	City Administrator Leamons	DATE SUBMITTED:	03/01/2022
EXHIBITS:	Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 "Utilities" and Article A5.000 "Utility Rates and Charges" of the City's Code of Ordinances		
BUDGETARY IMPACT:	Required Expenditure:		\$00.00
	Amount Budgeted:		\$00.00
	Appropriation Required:		\$00.00
CITY ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL:			
SUMMARY:	<p>Amendments to improve the City's utility billing and collection procedures are being proposed. There are a few changes to application requirements. In response to matters previously raised by Mayor Pro Tem Joslin, the wording and fees associated with service disconnects have been revised. Rather than collecting a \$100 disconnect fee, even when service wasn't actually disconnected, under the proposed amendment a \$50 fee will be collected when an account is suspended for non-payment and another \$50 fee will be collected if a service is disconnected. The City is authorized to refuse service if it is believed someone is applying for service on behalf of another customer who owes the City. Staff are authorized to initiate action against a customer who engages in theft of services. Mandatory subscription to the City's trash collection service, previously required only of water customers, is extended to wastewater customers since some new areas of town will have wastewater service, but not water service. The terms of the City's trash collection contract are incorporated into the City's ordinances. Bringing trash in from out of town to be collected by the City's trash contractor is prohibited. Provisions requiring SCWD water customers receiving city sewer service to provide the City with the SCWD billing information needed to calculate the customer's sewer bill have been added. Different deposit amounts are established for customers in good standing versus those not in good standing. Fees have been proposed for customer initiated water disconnects both during and after business hours, and a fee for disconnecting sewer service has been proposed.</p>		
RECOMMENDED ACTION:			
	Move to approve or deny as presented.		