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Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From: Laurelei McVey, Public Works **Meeting Date:** June 14, 2022

Presenter: Laurelei McVey, Public Works **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes

Topic: **Public Hearing** on Proposed Water and Sewer Fees

Recommended Council Action:

Hold a public hearing for proposed changes to water and sewer fees.

Background:

The City of Meridian has not increased its water or sewer utility rates since 2014. Our utility rates remain some of the lowest in the Treasure Valley due to our methodical and proactive planning and budgeting. The City's "save before you spend" philosophy has allowed the City to remain debt free while still funding significant projects that have enabled the City to maintain high levels of services while also meeting ever increasing state and federal regulations. Due to the continued increase in operational and capital costs, the Public Works Department is recommending a 2% increase to the water and sewer utility bill, effective June 15th, 2022. This represents an increase of approximately $1.22/month on the average customer's bill.

Fee description	Current fee amount	Proposed new fee amount
Water rate – base (administrative fee)	$5.49	$5.60
Water rate – use charge (per 1,000 gallons)	$1.90	$1.94
Sewer rate – base (administrative fee)	$8.65	$8.82
Sewer rate – use charge (per 1,000 gallons)	$5.54	$5.65

This public hearing was noticed in the Idaho Press Tribune on May 29th and June 5th. This public hearing was also noticed in the May 20th and June 5th utility bills.

Questions related to this topic should be directed to Laurelei McVey, Public Works, lmcvey@meridiancity.org, 208-985-1259.

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