

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

City of Rollingwood

Meeting Date: October 16, 2024

Submitted By:

Staff

Agenda Item:

Discussion and possible action regarding a policy for Grinder Pump Maintenance and Replacement.

Description:

During the last City Council Meeting discussion on the end of year budget amendment, the City Council discussed the cost of maintaining the approximately 120 grinder pumps within the city. These are located on private property and historically the city has paid for their maintenance and replacement.

The following is a breakdown of the city's costs related to grinder pumps between the months of December 2023 and September 2024. These costs only include what was paid to Crossroads, and do not include any staff time spent responding to grinder pump related calls:

	Cost				
September 2024	\$ 478.14				
August 2024	\$ -				
July 2024	\$ -				
June 2024	\$ -				
May 2024	\$ 1,701.74				
April 2024	\$ 961.24				
March 2024	\$ 3,440.58				
February 2024	\$ 6,142.18				
January 2024	\$ 11,617.06				
December 2023	\$ 5,840.98				
10 Month Total	\$ 30,181.92	\$ 3,018.19	Average Per Month		
		120	Number of Grinder Pumps		
		\$ 25.15	Average Cost Per Grinder Pump Per Month		

Other cities/ districts handle this different ways. Here are a few examples:

- West Lake Hills – They previously had a policy that residents would be responsible for up to 50% of the cost of the maintenance of the grinder pump on their property, and the city would perform the maintenance. Beginning this fiscal year, they changed this policy to

instead be to charge a monthly fee of \$30 to each property that has a grinder pump. The funds the city got from this are used for grinder pump maintenance across the city.

- Headwaters at Barton Creek and Travis County MUD #11 – Customer is responsible for purchase, maintenance and replacement of grinder pump.

At this time, staff recommends that the City employ a monthly fee for grinder pump maintenance. This helps avoid residents having to pay for a costly repair all at once and requires less staff time and resources to administer than charging residents for a percentage of maintenance. Staff recommends that this policy consideration be sent to the Utility Commission for their review and recommendation to be sent back to the City Council.

Action Requested:

To send this information to the Utility Commission for their discussion and recommendation.

Fiscal Impacts:

This policy will impact the city's wastewater budget as expenses for grinder pump maintenance and replacement are currently being paid out of the wastewater department.

Attachments:

- None