



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME: City Council
MEETING DATE: November 17, 2025
ITEM TITLE: Consider and take appropriate action on Ordinance No. 2025-019, amending water rates for the period beginning January 1, 2026
STAFF INITIATOR: Randy Criswell, City Manager

BACKGROUND:

At the previous Council meeting, NewGen Strategies presented the findings of their water rate analysis and associated recommendations for water rates to be effective January 1, 2026. NewGen recommended an increase of approximately 4%. Per your action, staff has prepared an ordinance to amend water rates. Below is a comparison of current versus proposed water rates:

<u>Charges</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>January 2026</u>
EDR Fee	\$7.29/mo	\$7.29/mo
Meter Fee	\$77.66/mo	\$82.37/mo
0-3000 gallons	\$ 0	\$ 0
3,000-15,000 gallons	\$3.41/kgal	\$3.57/kgal
15,000-30,000 gallons	\$4.61/kgal	\$4.83/kgal
30,000-50,000 gallons	\$6.21/kgal	\$6.51/kgal
50,000 and greater	\$8.39/kgal	\$8.80/kgal

As a reminder, the new rate structure does not increase Frenship's rate, which is \$6.36/kgal.

Per NewGen's analysis these new rates are necessary to meet the obligations of our current and future debt service, enabling us to continue the commitment to the growth and expansion of WolfForth's critical water infrastructure.

EXHIBITS:

Ordinance No. 2025-019

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance as presented.