Town of Elkton
Public Hearing
Water and Sewer User Rate Increase
June 1, 2020
6:30 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Elkton Area Community Center, Stonewall District, located at 20593 Blue & Gold Drive, Elkton, to receive comments on a proposed 1.5% increase to water and sewer user rates in all categories, based on the Consumer Price Index and pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-107 and 15.2-2109 et seq. In addition, per an adopted Resolution of the Town of Elkton's commitment to repayment of USDA Funds for the wastewater treatment plant improvements phase 3 and the wastewater collection system rehabilitation projects a proposed increase in sewer user rate categories as follows:

Residential: Current Base Rate would increase from $24.84 to $25.83
Over 2,000 gallons would increase from $7.47 to $7.77

Commercial: Current Base Rate would increase from $24.84 to $25.83
Over 2,000 gallons would increase from $7.77 to $8.08

Industrial: Current Base Rate would increase from $24.84 to $25.83
Over 2,000 gallons would increase from $8.39 to $8.71

Present: Mayor Joshua J. Gooden, Vice-Mayor Randell Snow, Council Member Margaretta Isom, Council Member Heidi Zander, Council Member Louis Heidel, Council Member Jay Dean, and Council Member Steve America.

Also Present: Town Manager Greg Lunsford, and Town Attorney Nathan H. Miller

Present Electronically: Chief of Police David Harris, Public Works Director Troy Shifflett, Project Director Gaither Hurt, Recreation Director Diane Johnson, Community Development Director Delores Hammer, Town Treasurer Clairen Sipe, and Clerk of Council Denise Monger.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Gooden opened the public hearing.

Wayne Printz, 336 West Washington, Elkton, stated the Town's expenses for last year were exorbitant. He noted there were many increases such as real estate, trash, etc... He noted that the "tax and spend" would get the Town into financial trouble.

Resolution to Approve an Increase in Water and Sewer User Rates

Council member Dean moved, seconded by Council member Isom, to adopt the resolution to increase water user rates in all categories as follows: Residential from $11.49 to $11.66; Commercial from $11.49 to $11.66; and Industrial $11.49 to $11.66.
(See Resolution in the next motion)

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Zander, L. Heidel, R. Snow and J. Dean

NAYS: S. America

VOTE: (5 – 1 roll call) Motion carried

Council member Dean moved, seconded by Council member Isom, to adopt the resolution to increase sewer user rates in all categories as follows:

Residential:	**Base Rate = $25.83**	**Over 2,000 gallons = $7.77**
Commercial:	**Base Rate = $25.83**	**Over 2,000 gallons = $8.08**
Industrial:	**Base Rate = $25.83**	**Over 2,000 gallons = $8.71**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN
INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER USER RATES

JUNE 1, 2020

WHEREAS, the Elkton Town Council has proposed a 1.5% increase in all user categories to the Water User Rates, pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-107 & 15.2-2119 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Elkton Town Council has proposed a 1.5% increase in all user categories to the Sewer User Rates, pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-107 & 15.2-2119 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Elkton Town Council has proposed an additional increase in all user categories to the Sewer User Rates, pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-107 & 15.2-2119 et seq. and per an adopted Resolution of the Town of Elkton's commitment to repayment of USDA Funds for the wastewater treatment plant improvements phase 3 and the wastewater collection system rehabilitation project as follows:

Residential:	Base Rate = $25.83	Over 2,000 gallons = $7.77
Commercial:	Base Rate = $25.83	Over 2,000 gallons = $8.08
Industrial:	Base Rate = $25.83	Over 2,000 gallons = $8.71

WHEREAS, the Elkton Town Code, Chapter 170, WATER AND SEWERS, Article IV, Charges §170-41 states that monthly charges for water and sewer furnished and supplied by the Town of Elkton shall be determined by the Town Council; and

NOW THEREFORE the Elkton Town Council shall increase the Water User Fee in all categories by 1.5%; increase the Sewer User Rates in all categories by 1.5%; increase Sewer User Rates with the Base Rates in all categories increasing to $25.83 and fees over 2,000 gallons would increase to $7.77 for Residential, $8.08 for Commercial, and $8.71 for Industrial. Increases are effective July 1, 2020.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 1st day of June, 2020 with the increases to become effective July 1, 2020.

Joshua J. Gooden
Mayor, Town of Elkton

Atteste:

Denise R. Monger
Clerk of the Council

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Zander, L. Heidel, R. Snow and J. Dean

NAYS: S. America

VOTE: (5 – 1 roll call) Motion carried

With no additional business, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor: Joshua J. Gooden

Recorder: Denise R. Monger, Clerk