

**TOWN OF RYE  
WORK SESSION  
MAY 25, 2021**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Mayor Marty Rahl called the Work Session to order at 5:57 pm at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street in Rye, Colorado, to discuss the water/sewer rate study. Those in attendance were: Marty Rahl, Mayor; Sheila Henderson, Mayor Protem; Sandra Steele, Trustee; Patrick Ryan, Trustee; Larry Sisk, Trustee, Markus Buck, Trustee; Greg Colter, ORC; Sherri Beach, Clerk; and Chris Brandewie of RCAC. Trustee, Levi Bernal, was absent.

The Board and Chris discussed the current financial obligations of the sewer and water funds, the impending sewer and water-related expenses that must be covered, and the amount of current revenue from the sewer and water funds. They then discussed fees that would meet the necessary revenues to pay for expenses. They reiterated the fact that we are not looking to make money, but rather be able to pay our financial obligations to continue to provide the quality sewer and water services that the residents of the Town of Rye deserve.

The Board asked Chris to create a model that would reflect the following:

**Sewer:**

- Each efficiency dwelling will be charged a flat fee of \$15 per month for sewer service (efficiency dwelling is an additional dwelling unit beyond the primary account and meter)
- Property owners will be charged their 3-month average water usage from December, January, February multiplied by a factor to calculate their sewer rates. This factor would be .005 for ¾" and 1" pipe and .00697 for 1 ½" and 2" pipe
- The 3-month average fee will then be added to a base fee of \$8.65, for the total monthly charge for the next year
- A minimum monthly usage of 3,000 gallons will be assessed, with a minimum sewer rate for all accounts at \$23.65.
- Rates will be raised by 3% annually

**Water:**

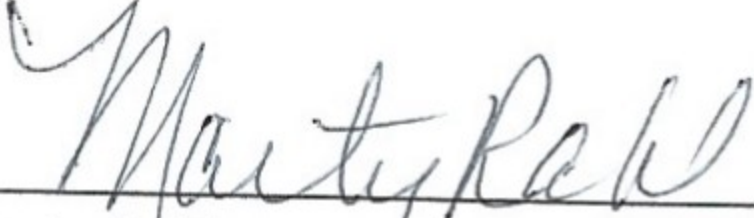
- Each efficiency dwelling will be charged a flat fee of \$40 per month for water service (efficiency dwelling is an additional dwelling unit beyond the primary account and meter)
- Tiers will be used with charges based on exact gallons used. 0-3,000 gallons cost \$0.00302/gallon or \$3.02/1,000 gallons.
- Base rate will be \$63.00 for ¾" meter size and proportionally for all other meter sizes
- Rates will be raised by 3% annually

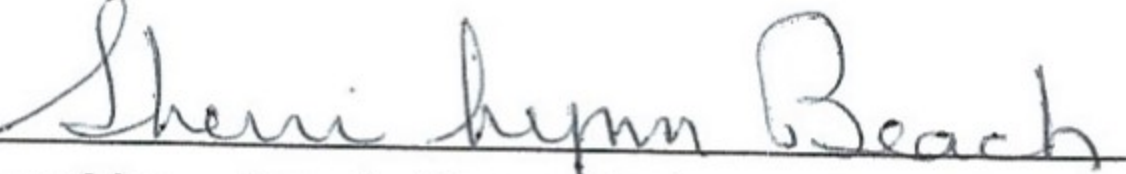


In addition, the Board asked that Chris provide a spreadsheet for all customer's proposed new rates for consideration and review prior to creating a resolution for the rate increase. Chris stated that he would provide this information and write a report summarizing the water and sewer models discussed. He will submit it to Sherri Beach as soon as possible for review at the next meeting, on June 9, 2021.

**Adjournment:**

At 8:35 pm Sheila Henderson made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting. Markus Buck seconded. Sheila Henderson voted yes; Patrick Ryan voted yes; and Markus Buck voted yes. The motion passed (NOTE: Sandra Steele left the meeting at 8:27 pm, and Larry Sisk left the meeting at 8:32 pm).

  
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Marty Rahl, Mayor

  
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Sherri Lynn Beach, Town Clerk

**The Next Regular Session meeting will be held on  
June 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street, Rye, CO 81069  
Public is encouraged to attend**

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