

TOWN OF RYE  
WORK SESSION  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
April 20, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Rye, County of Pueblo, Colorado, met at the Town Hall, 2067 Main Street, Rye, CO 81069, on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. At 6:02 pm Marty Rahl, Mayor, called the work session to order. The following were present: Marty Rahl, Mayor; Sheila Henderson, Mayor Protem; Patrick Ryan, Trustee; Larry Sisk, Trustee; Greg Colter, ORC; Sherri Beach, Clerk; and Chris Brandewei from RCAC.

The Board reviewed information presented by Chris Brandewei concerning the water/sewer rate study. Options and ideas were given, and the board discussed the following concerning multi-residential dwellings such as apartments, triplex, and RV parks, that have multiple connections and a single tap/meter:

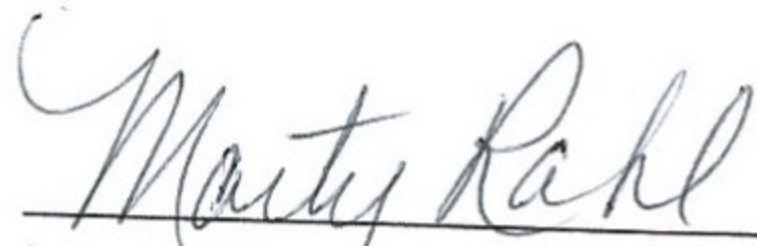
- Charging each connection/unit a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " right-to-serve fee
- Charging a right-to-serve fee with a discounted rate for each connection/unit
- A flat fee based upon a percentage of water usage for connections/unit

Chris will propose a rate structure model that does not look like what we are currently using. He is working to set up a tier rate that will be more equitable. Every customer will be charged their fair share for usage, despite multiple units being on a single tap. He stated that each RV in parks will count as an efficiency residential unit. The board may need to consider an average usage to come up with an analysis. Businesses should be charged a commercial rate. Residential/Efficiency category will be added to include anything (beyond a single-residential home) with a bedroom and bathroom, to include RVs, tiny homes, apartments, cabins, etc. Schools will be reviewed, and Chris will let us know if we are charging enough using data from the past number of years because the past year has been unusual with the COVID pandemic and students learning remotely.

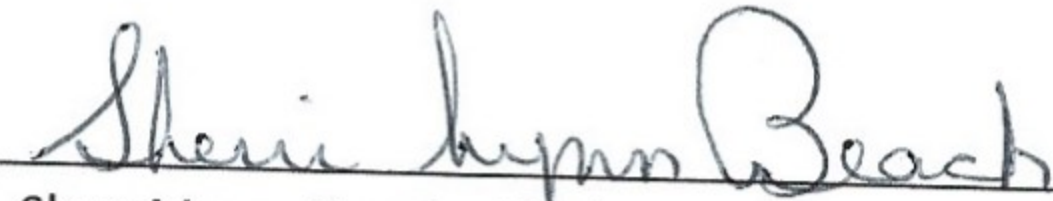
Chris stated that sewer rate fees will fall similarly in line with the residents' water usage. He stated that apartments using less water will have less sewer being sent into the system. He agreed that using the 3-month average (December, January, February) multiplied by a percent will be used to evaluate single family homes, but we will need to charge per unit on those accounts that have multiple connections/units. He mentioned that we could require businesses to purchase irrigation meters to prove the amount of water being used for irrigation outdoors if they do not want to pay based on their entire water usage amount. He stated that we may need to work with our attorney concerning limitations or challenges.

Marty Rahl will ask her brother in Beulah for a copy of their rate structure for water/sewer. Sherri Beach will reach out to RVS billing system, Colorado City Metro District, and a variety of Towns for their rate structure for water/sewer. The board will meet again at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 to continue their discussion and review the information gathered for purposes of the rate structure.

At 7:15 pm, Patrick Ryan made a motion to close the meeting. Larry Sisk seconded. Sheila Henderson voted yes, Patrick Ryan voted yes, Larry Sisk voted yes. The motion passed.



Marty Rahl, Mayor



Sherri Lynn Beach, Clerk