

SPECIAL MEETING

City Hall, Marysville, Kansas, August 22, 2024

Members of the Governing Body of the City of Marysville were called to order in a special meeting at 5:30 p.m., on the date and at the place listed above with Mayor Frye opening the meeting. City Administrator Haverkamp and City Clerk Holle were also present.

Council members answering present to roll call were Snellings, Ferris, Behrens, Keating, Schrater, Throm and Goracke. A quorum was present. CM Beikman was absent.

The call, signed by seven of the seven council members present, read as follows:

We, the undersigned councilmembers of the City of Marysville hereby respectfully request that you call a special council meeting of the members of the governing body of said City to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at the Marysville City Hall for the following purpose:

- a) Discuss water/sewer rates and hear a report created by "Get Great Rates" analyzing the city's water and sewer funds and rate structure.***

Carl Brown from Get Great Rates presented a study he created to analyze the present rates of the water and sewer utilities. Carl also presented an analysis of the storm water effects on the sewer fund because presently the sewer utility bears the cost of the storm sewer. His report was based on the principle called "cost-of-service rates. If a customer causes the utility to incur a cost, that customer should reimburse the utility for that cost. The Council asked Carl to create another set of charts using meter size-based rates with a 1-year implementation period for the increase and a 2-year implementation period. The Council would like to see what a separate storm sewer utility would look like also. Carl's conclusion was no matter which structure the City uses the rate revenues need to go up to make the utilities sustainable. Carl concluded the water rates would need to increase 29% overall and the sewer rates would need to increase 60% with an increase in sewer rates of 90% if storm water is included in the sewer rate. Following the initial increase to catch up the rates from no change in rates for the last 10 years there would need to be a cost of living increase annually.

At 6:57 p.m., CM Throm moved, CM Keating seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CINDY HOLLE
City Clerk