

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Friday, August 30, 2013

Members may attend in person or by telephone

Ed Foster, Mayor
Michael Jewitt, Vice Mayor

Carol Kelley
Mark Orgeron

Norma Crooks
Mary Scott

**Quartzsite Town Hall
Council Chambers
465 North Plymouth Avenue
Quartzsite, Arizona**

**Special Meeting
6:30 p.m.**

SPEAKING TO THE COUNCIL

If you are interested in speaking to the Council during Public Hearings, Communications from Citizens, or other designated agenda items, you must fill out a speaker card (located on the table inside the front entrance to the Council Chambers) and deliver it to the Town Clerk prior to the convening of the meeting. Each individual will be limited to three (3) minutes for their remarks.

All persons attending the Council meeting, whether speaking to the Council or not, are expected to observe the Council Rules, as well as the rules of politeness, propriety, decorum and good conduct. Any person interfering with the meeting in any way, or acting rudely or loudly, will be asked to leave.

CELL PHONES AND RECORDING DEVICES

As a courtesy to others please turn off or silence all cell phones or pagers. Reporters or others with recording devices need to be staged at the back of the public seating area.

***The times listed for agenda items are estimated.
Items may be discussed earlier or in a different sequence.***

Est. Time	AGENDA ITEM	COUNCIL ACTION
6:30 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING	
6:30 – 6:35	INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE <i>The invocation may be offered by a person of any religion, faith, belief or non-belief. Interested persons should contact the Clerk for further information.</i>	
6:35 – 6:40	ROLL CALL	
6:40 – 6:45	APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA	Discussion, possible action by MOTION.
6:45 – 7:25	PUBLIC HEARING <i>If no requests to speak have been submitted, Items will be heard at one Public Hearing. Items may be heard separately if requested by a member of the Council or if a request to speak has been submitted. Comments will be heard from those in support of or in opposition to an item. Hearings may be held prior to the estimated time indicated on the Agenda.</i>	

		<p><i>In order to comment on a Public Hearing Item, you must fill out a public comment form, indicating the Item Number on which you wish to be heard. There is a 3 minute limit for each speaker.</i></p> <p><i>Once the hearing is closed, there will be no further public comment unless requested by a member of the Council. After the Public Hearing, the Council may act on all items not requiring additional staff, public or Council Member comment with a single vote.</i></p>	
	1.	PUBLIC HEARING on proposed wastewater rate increase.	Discussion
		<p>ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS</p> <p><i>Administrative items are for Council discussion and action. It is at the discretion of the majority of the Council regarding public input requests on any Administrative Item. Persons wishing to speak on an Administrative Item should complete a Request to Speak Form and indicate the Item they wish to address. Council may or may not accept public comment.</i></p>	
7:25 – 7:35	2.	PROPOSED WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE – Consider approval of a Resolution Establishing Increased Wastewater Fees and Service Charges; providing for repeal of all conflicting resolutions; and providing for severability.	Discussion and Possible Action by Motion.
7:35		ADJOURN	MOTION to adjourn.

Certification of Posting

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted at the following locations: Quartzsite Town Hall, 465 N. Plymouth Ave, Quartzsite, AZ, U.S. Post Office, 80 W. Main Street, Quartzsite, AZ and The Senior Center, 40 Moon Mountain Ave, Quartzsite, AZ, on the ____ day of _____, 2013, at ____ a.m./p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Town of Quartzsite with the Town Clerk, Town of Quartzsite.

By: _____, Town Clerk's Office.



TOWN OF QUARTZSITE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, August 30, 2013

Agenda Item #2 Consider approval of a Resolution Establishing Increased Wastewater Fees and Service Charges; providing for repeal of all conflicting resolutions; and providing for severability.

Summary: The process for water and wastewater (sewer) rate changes is governed by Town Code and by State Statute. Town code provides that rates shall be reviewed periodically by 1) the Utility Department and/or 2) the Municipal Utility Administrative Committee (MUAC). If the [Utility] department recommends changes to the fee structure, they shall issue a request to the Council with a recommendation for fee modification. The Council shall then act upon the recommendation in accordance with [State statute].

Work sessions were held with the Municipal Utility Advisory Committee on May 23, 2013, and with the Town Council on May 24, 2013. Public Hearings have been held August 13, 2013 and will be held again on August 30, 2013.

The new rate structure, which will become effective October 1, 2013, provides for a measured, five-year rate plan. As provided in the covenants of the WIFA Loan, Town staff and the Town Engineer will annually review the rates to ensure that all funding requirements associated with the Town's wastewater treatment plant are adequately met.

Responsible Person: Laura Bruno, Town Manager

Attachment: Resolution providing for the establishing increased wastewater fees and service charges.

Action Requested: **Motion to approve a Resolution Establishing Increased Wastewater Fees and Service Charges; providing for repeal of all conflicting resolutions; and providing for severability.**

RESOLUTION NO. 13-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF QUARTZSITE, LA PAZ COUNTY, ARIZONA, ESTABLISHING INCREASED WASTEWATER FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 9-511.01; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, Chapter 16, Sections 16-1-2, 16-1-3 and 16-2-2 authorize the Town Council to establish utility rates by resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Council to establish rates for enterprise operations sufficient to recover the costs of providing the services; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared an analysis which indicates that wastewater rates will need to be increased to offset increases in the operating costs of the system, to repay the WIFA/USDA loan for the treatment plant upgrade and expansion, and to assure the long-term financial stability of Quartzsite's wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the Council at their meeting of June 7, 2013 directed staff to notify the public of the need to increase wastewater service fees and establish and publish a date of public hearing and setting of wastewater service fees; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing having been held in accordance with Arizona and Quartzsite laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona that wastewater fees and service charges as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto are hereby established as the wastewater fees and service charges for the Town effective October 1, 2013.

FURTHER RESOLVED that portions of Resolution No. 10-01 setting wastewater service fees and charges and all other resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed. All non-conflicting portions of Resolution No. 10-01 remain in full force and effect.

FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Ed Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terry Frausto, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Curtis, Goodwin, Sullivan, Udall &
Schwab, PLC
Town Attorneys
By: Kelly Y. Schwab / Patricia E. Ronan

EXHIBIT A

	Fiscal Year 2014/2015	Fiscal Year 2015/2016	Fiscal Year 2016/2017	Fiscal Year 2017/2017	Fiscal Year 2018/2019
Base Rate (Per Month)					
Individually Metered Single Family	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.39	\$ 16.53	\$ 16.70	\$ 16.83
Mobile Homes	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.39	\$ 16.53	\$ 16.70	\$ 16.83
Deeded Lot	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.39	\$ 16.53	\$ 16.70	\$ 16.83
RV Park Per Space	\$ 10.96	\$ 11.98	\$ 12.08	\$ 12.21	\$ 12.30
1" Meters Commercial	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.39	\$ 16.53	\$ 16.70	\$ 16.83
2" Meters Commercial	\$ 48.00	\$ 52.46	\$ 52.89	\$ 53.44	\$ 53.86
Motel/Hotel Per Room	\$ 5.48	\$ 5.99	\$ 6.04	\$ 6.10	\$ 6.15
Commodity Rate (Per 1000 gallons)					
Single Family (above minimum)	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.90
Multi-Family	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.10
Mobile Home/RV Combination	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.10
RV Parks	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.10
Deeded Lots	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.10
General Commercial (Low Strength)	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00
Restaurants (High Strength)	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.90	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.40	\$ 4.60
Churches (Low Strength)	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00
Mixed Use Commercial (Medium Strength)	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.60	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.90	\$ 3.10
Swapmeet RV	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.10
Single Family Monthly Minimum	\$ 23.02	\$ 24.89	\$ 25.58	\$ 26.29	\$ 27.03

The Base Rate plus the Commodity Rate shall be the monthly fee for each category. The monthly minimum shall be the fee for single family residences should the Base Rate plus the Commodity Rate be less than the monthly minimum.