

PUBLIC HEARING

**Dover City Hall
699 Lakeshore Ave.
Dover, Idaho 83825**

MINUTES

**Thursday September 25, 2014 @ 6:00pm
WATER RATE REVIEW-RESOLUTION 100**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shaha at 6:00pm

Council Members Present: Neal Hewitt; Rowdy MacDonald, Bill Strand and Diane Brockway.

Staff: Accountant, Lou MacAfee; City Clerk, Jacquie Albright;

Public Present: See sign in sheet

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Strand disclosed that he had sought legal counsel regarding whether or not he, Councilman Strand, should vote on Resolution 100 or recuse himself as he had authored Resolution 100. Legal Counsel advised Councilman Strand that it was not necessary to recuse himself, and that Councilman Strand could vote if he so desired. Councilman Strand felt more comfortable recusing himself and informed those present that he would not be voting on Resolution 100.

Councilman Strand had prepared a presentation regarding the reason for the changes in water rates. The new proposed rate structure is more equitable as each user will pay the same base rate and a per gallon rate for the water they use. Only 20 of the 300 residences/businesses in Dover use 7,000 gallons or more per month. Currently 7,000 gallons is included in the base rate of \$41.06. These 20 customers use 44% of the water produced by Dover, but are only paying 14% of the cost to produce the water. In proposed Resolution 100, every residence and business will be paying for the water they use. Based on 2013-2014 usage, it is estimated 75% of the residences and business will pay less under the proposed plan.

Four rate alternatives had been reviewed by Council with the oversight of T-O Engineers who received the rate analysis. The Association of Idaho Cities conducts rate reviews of Idaho Cities with less than 1,000 residents every 5 years and the results were also studied. The current infrastructure is 23 years old. A Capital fund of over \$30,000+ has been added to the 2014-2015 budget.

Mayor Shaha thanked Councilman Strand for his presentation and thoroughness.

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Alan Barrett - Marina Town commended Council on the work and agreed with the base rate and pay for use proposal.

Denise Travis - 277 Lakeshore Ave thanked Council for the work on the water ordinance and resolution and appreciates what Council has been doing.

Richard Bloom- Opal Court wanted the definition of an ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit).

Peter Rasmussen-Bayside South wanted clarification about the size of supply lines relating to the ERU count. Councilman Strand reviewed the chart on page 2 of the Resolution 100 for clarification.

Alan Barrett- Marina Town wanted more information regarding the size of line relating to ERUs. Mayor Shaha and Councilman Strand explained the calculations.

Mayor Shaha asked if there were any other comments from the public. There being none, a **MOTION** was made (Councilman Hewitt) and seconded (Councilwoman Brockway) to close the Public Input session of the Public Hearing at 6:36pm. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

Councilman Hewitt commented on the excellent work and expertise Councilman Strand has brought to the Water Ordinance and Resolution and the many hours he has dedicated to it. Without Councilman Strand's expertise the water rate study would not be where it is today. Council and public thanked Councilman Strand.

Resolution 100 was reviewed. Mayor Shaha requested more clarification on Item 15. A **MOTION** was made (Diane Brockway) and seconded (Councilman Hewitt) to accept Resolution 100 with a change requested to Item 15 changing the fee from \$25.00 to \$100.00 per occurrence. A roll call vote was taken.

Councilman Strand Abstained.

Councilman Hewitt Aye

Councilman MacDonald Aye

Councilwoman Brockway Aye

All in favor. None opposed. One abstention. **MOTION** passed.

A **MOTION** (Councilman Hewitt) and seconded (Councilman MacDonald) to adjourn the Public hearing at 6:50pm. All in Favor. **MOTION** passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Jacquie Albright