

Mount Pleasant Waterworks Public Hearing Notice



Mount Pleasant Waterworks will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and FY2012 rates, fees and charges at **5:30 p.m. on June 6, 2011**. This public hearing will be held at Mount Pleasant Waterworks Operations Center, 1619 Rifle Range Road. The public is invited to attend.

Rate Change

In order to maintain current levels of water and wastewater services at affordable rates while meeting all legal obligations and adhering to Cost Recovery policies, MPW is proposing a rate change on water and wastewater basic facility charges and volumetric rates.

Typical Bill Based on 5,000 Gallons of Water Usage In Town Rates

Typical Bill with Current Rates

Usage Charge	Special Assessment	Average Bill Total
\$48.11	\$3.00	\$51.11

Typical Bill with Proposed Change

Usage Charge	Special Assessment	Average Bill Total
\$50.52	\$3.00	\$53.52

Enforcement of Mandatory Connection to Wastewater System

Commissioners will receive input from the public as it relates to enforcement of Mandatory Connection to Wastewater System as spelled out in Ordinance § 51.113

CONNECTION TO SEWER REQUIRED: *If a wastewater sewer connected to a treatment facility of the Commission abuts or comes within 250 feet of a property containing any house, building, or property used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes under the jurisdiction of this chapter, the owner of such house, building, or property is required at the owner's expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein and to connect such facilities directly to the proper sewer in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, within 90 days after notice from the Commission to do so. Charges for sewer service (including any special assessments) will commence at the end of the 90-day period for which notice is given. Should the owner of the property fail to connect to the Commission's wastewater system, the owner is responsible for payment of these charges for wastewater service. Such action to collect charges for sewer service in no way eliminates the owner's responsibility to connect to the wastewater system.*

Out of Town Wastewater Rate Change

Commissioners are also considering implementation of out of town wastewater rates in accordance with the Town of Mount Pleasant Ordinances. This change would only affect out of town customer's wastewater bills.

Typical Bill Based on 5,000 Gallons of Water Usage Out of Town Rates

Typical Bill with Current Rates for Out of Town Residential Customer

Usage Charge	Special Assessment	Average Bill Total
\$28.16	\$3.00	\$31.16

Typical Bill with Proposed Change (Rate Change and Out Of Town Wastewater Rate Change)

Usage Charge	Special Assessment	Average Bill Total
\$32.52	\$3.00	\$35.52

Typical Bill with Current Rates for Out of Town Commercial Customer

Usage Charge	Special Assessment	Average Bill Total
\$132.21	\$3.00	\$135.21

Typical Bill with Proposed Change (Rate Change and Out Of Town Wastewater Rate Change)

Usage Charge	Special Assessment	Average Bill Total
\$277.63	\$3.00	\$280.63

A Public Hearing allows citizens the opportunity to address the governing body with any comments or concerns. Please be sure to sign in at the beginning of the meeting if you wish to address the board and limit your comments to three minutes or less.

Mission and Vision

Mission - To serve our customers with affordable, reliable, safe and clean water and waste water while protecting and preserving our resources.

Vision - Through the efforts of each and every employee, Mount Pleasant Waterworks will be a leader in our industry.

Mount Pleasant Waterworks Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

In order to continue to meet our goals and fulfill our mission; MPW must invest and reinvest in our infrastructure each and every year to keep the system reliable, produce safe water and clean up our customer's waste to ensure we protect our water environment while preserving our natural resources.

MPW will need to reinvest a combined total of \$133.9 million or an average of \$13.9 million per year over the next 10 years in order to protect our environment; maintain water quality that meets the Federal Regulatory standards; and to ensure clean, safe drinking water is provided to our customers. These cost will most likely increase as new regulations are implemented; the cost of supplies and materials needed to maintain our infrastructure increase; and the cost of fuel and electricity continue to rise.

Included in the cost of the water bill we pay each month is a certain amount that is directed towards the replacement and improvement of existing components of our water and wastewater system. Our customers currently pay on average \$48.11 per month for water/wastewater service (based on 5000 gallons). By constantly reinvesting in the infrastructure that provides us with safe water, we do our best to ensure that the water service has minimum interruptions and that tomorrow's customers will appreciate the value we placed on the water supply today.

Current Value of Infrastructure		FY2012 Infrastructure Re-Investment
	Wastewater Treatment \$39,381,284	Wastewater Treatment \$2,832,500
	Water Treatment \$18,556,831	Water Treatment \$703,576
	Wastewater Collection \$128,621,435	Wastewater Collection \$8,284,715
	Water Distribution \$86,798,304	Waster Distribution \$4,648,250

