

March 2, 2009

Public Hearing: Water & Waste Water Rates, Storm Sewer Fee

Roll: Floyd "Butch" Coburn, Mayor
Ron Walter, Common Council
Sue Moore, Common Council
Eric Johnson, Common Council
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Ted Miller, City Superintendent
Jim Nichols, Police Chief
Brian Moore, Fire Chief

Mayor "Butch" Coburn opened the Public Hearing of the Common Council of the City of Butler at City Hall, 120 West Main Street at 7:55 pm.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck passed out copies of the proposed rates and the storm water fee to the audience.

Dave Wagner explained that the water and waste water utilities are operating at a deficit and that the City worked with Jennifer Wilson at Crowe Horwath on a rate study.

Jennifer Wilson gave a brief outline of the study and the proposed new rates.

Mayor Coburn asked for comments from the audience.

Mary Sole asked if it was possible to give senior citizens a discount because they are on fixed incomes. Jennifer Wilson said that state law prohibits this. The state requires that everyone pay the same rates.

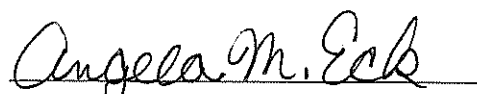
Council Member Walter asked if water usage has gone down because of the economy. City Superintendent Miller said that the water plant is pumping the same amount of water as before.

Mayor Coburn asked for comments or questions from the audience two more times. There were none.

The hearing was declared closed at 8:07 pm.


Mayor


Common Council


Clerk-Treasurer