
Re: Sewer Rates

From Carol Lenz <clenz@driggsidaho.org>
Date Wed 7/17/2024 2:41 PM
To Jasmine Griffin <jasmineg@victoridaho.gov>

Jasmine - both Jeremy and Amber have accepted. Are you comfortable if we meet without you if I take good notes?

On Wed, Jul 17, 2024 at 2:40 PM Jasmine Griffin <jasmineg@victoridaho.gov> wrote:
I am out of the office next week but could do the week after!

From: Carol Lenz <clenz@driggsidaho.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 2:18 PM
To: Jasmine Griffin <jasmineg@victoridaho.gov>
Subject: Re: Sewer Rates

Hey Jasmine:

I just sent you a meeting invite for next Tuesday @ 11am at Victor City Hall. I also invited Jeremy and Amber in case they can make the meeting. I can explain how I calculate annual sewer rates. From there we can try and answer your rate questions. Sound good?
Carol

On Tue, Jul 16, 2024 at 5:31 PM Jasmine Griffin <jasmineg@victoridaho.gov> wrote:

Yes and no. I am suggested we raise the sewer to about \$98 to cover known expenses, our reserves have some money, but not a lot, and definitely not enough to cover the full cost. I don't think we should use reserves yet especially until we know what the rest of the build/loan repayments look like. I am assuming that the costs will increase past that amount by the time the WWTP has been updated, hired, and running at the expected capacity. But we have had a lot of concerns over other rates increasing (interesting enough, I haven't yet with sewer, but I think it is coming).

Are you foreseeing an increase to that extent by the time the plant is done for Driggs users, and, possibly, more increases for Victor contract? I am assuming that you are using reserves to help soften the Driggs increase until the known costs are actualized?

The council has expressed that they want me to share as much information as possible concerning future increases, but with costs uncertain, I am just not sure how to navigate those requests.

All of that to say, I am not sure I have a single question; I am more just looking for how you have handled these kinds of questions/issues in the past.

From: Carol Lenz <clenz@driggsidaho.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 4:03 PM

To: Jasmine Griffin <jasmineg@victoridaho.gov>

Subject: Re: Sewer Rates

Hey Jasmine:

I hate to forgo an offer for lunch but Driggs won't set its fee schedule for FY2025 until September so I am not sure I can answer any questions. Council did approve a 4% increase for sewer service fees (base & flow) for Driggs utility users but that would not affect Victor under the existing WWTP contract. No public hearing planned for this fee since the increase is under 5%. Can I answer a specific question for you?

Best,

Carol

On Tue, Jul 16, 2024 at 1:54 PM Jasmine Griffin <jasmineg@victoridaho.gov> wrote:

Hey Carol,

Do you have anytime this week or the week of the 29th to meet? I have a fee increase public hearing in August with the budget and I want to see where Driggs conversations/wordings are so I can be consistent. I also am assuming council will ask me and I want to make sure I have the right information. I'll bring some lunch over if there's a day that works best for that.

Thank you!

Thanks,

Jasmine Griffin

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