

Richmond Water Resources

Annual Customers Meeting

May 22, 2018

6:00 PM

Town Center Meeting Room

Agenda

Questions and Comments from the public will be taken for each item, following that item's presentation

- Discussion of Accomplishments of Past year (15 min)
- Discussion of FY2019 Budget & Rates (30 min)
- Discussion of Upcoming Projects (Bridge Street; Baker Street; Bridge crossing) (20 min)
- Discussion of West Main Extension (10 min)
- Capital Projects and Debt Impacts (15 min)
- Adjourn

Accomplishments & Highlights

- East Main Street water line replacement is complete; includes Pleasant Street and Lemroy Court completing the loop
- Lemroy Court service for Buttermilk, LLC installed
- Reduced Water & Sewer delinquencies by working with customers
- Asset Management Programs help manage reserve funding
- Winter was mild with no line breaks – indication that our water line replacement plans are working to our advantage

FY2019 Budget

- Operational Spending increasing by \$9,557 for Water; and \$22,263 in Wastewater largely due to new division of funds
- Water Capital increasing by \$8,476 with some debt coming off the books, and adding the loans for the storage tank
- Wastewater Capital decreasing by \$13,533 due to reductions in capital needs
- Water revenue increasing by \$15,673 largely due to higher charges to fire protection fees
- Wastewater revenue increasing by \$11,000 from anticipated higher user receipts

Water & Sewer Rates

- Current Rates last amended in 2017
- Most significant change has been the “Base Unit” structure which treats all separate occupied space as separate billable units
- This eliminated the tiered structure based on annual usage
- This increased the number of separate units, shifting a larger burden to multi-unit buildings (apartments and offices)

Near-Term Projects

- Baker Street
- Upper Bridge Street Section
- Bridge Crossing

Financial Impacts – Capital Projects

This will summarize the impacts to the Water & Sewer Budget from our capital plans, showing current and projected indebtedness

- 2006 Treatment Plant Upgrades = \$3,740,000
repayment of \$348,378 over 20 years = \$22,220
per year
- 2010 Sewer Lining & Manholes = \$445,999; 50%
forgiveness – repay \$222,999 over 20 years @ 2%
= \$14,500 per year
- 2011 Jericho Road = \$941,200 total; repay over
20 years at variable rate, decreasing over time =
\$77,000 last year

Financial Impacts – Capital Projects

- 2012 Browns Court = \$70,000 payable over 5 years, with a \$45,000 balance and fully paid
- 2013 Depot Street = \$67,000 paid in full with cash reserves
- 2014/15 Water Storage Tank & Chlorine Project = \$1,575,000 bond plus \$464,000 cash; bond repayable over 30 years at -0.7% interest; projected to be \$43,120 per year starting 2017

Financial Impacts – Capital Projects

- 2016 East Main Street = \$1,275,000 payable over 30 years beginning in 2019; estimated to be \$32,029 per year; -3% interest
- West Main Street = impossible to predict at this time. \$2,500,000 borrowing authorized to be repaid by new connections
- Bridge Street, other projects over time

Water Quality & Etc.

We have some of the best drinking water in the state. We were well within limits for our permit and had no violations for the year for either water or wastewater operations. The Richmond Water Resources Department is proud to serve our town and they do a fine job keeping the system running efficiently and communicating with the public. Thank you Kendall, Trudy, and Allen!

Stay tuned as we soon consider important policy changes in water and wastewater capacity, allocation and system governance. We will briefly review some of these during the meeting, as time allows, but in-depth discussion will be ongoing at Water Commission meetings held every 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:00 pm.