

Resolution approving proposed Sanitary Sewer rate increase effective January 1, 2020.

AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Trilogy Consulting LLC was hired to perform a Sanitary Sewer Utility Rate Study (File 19-0197); and

WHEREAS, a Sanitary Sewer Rate Study was performed based on the draft Facility Plan developed by Donahue and Associates (File 18-0794 & File 19-0422); and

WHEREAS, the Sanitary Sewer rates have not been increased since 2015; and

WHEREAS, a rate increase is needed to cover past cost of living increases and future debt service of proposed wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Rate Study recommends the minimum cumulative rate increase needed in order obtain a Clean Water Fund (CWF) loan for the proposed WWTP improvements as ~~defined~~ described in the draft Facility Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Rate Study recommends that this rate increase be phased in over three years, beginning in 2020 and that future rate increases for 2021 and 2022 be evaluated each year and adjusted as more detailed plans and refined cost estimates for the WWTP project become available; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate increases for 2020 would be **\$1.30 per month** for the average residential customer using 44,880 gallons or 6,000 cubic feet of water per year; and

WHEREAS, the high strength waste and wholesale customers have been informed of a possible rate increase with adequate time to prepare and budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby accepts and approves the first phase of the proposed sanitary sewer rate increase as ~~defined~~ described in the Sewer Rate Study Executive Summary DRAFT ~~Report~~ prepared by Trilogy consulting LLC dated June 2019.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sanitary Sewer Utility is authorized to implement such charges effective starting January 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the phase 2 and 3 rate increases shall be brought back to the Common Council of the City of La Crosse for approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works, Director of Finance and Utility Manager are authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.