

MINUTES SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

JANUARY 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kovach called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Mayor Kovach, Bratton, Rushton, Sanderson and Tweedy

City Staff Members Present: City Administrator Tijerina, City Planner Piercy and Administrative Assistant Siebert

Also present, Nancy Wetch from Grey & Osborne

AGENDA ITEMS

A. DISCUSSION OF GENERAL FACILITY CHARGE (GFC)

Mayor Kovach lead discussion with the focus on the City's need for these revenues for finances and budget in the future and to maintain infrastructure of water and sewer systems.

Currently the City charges an administrative fee of \$250.00 each for water and sewer connection and the builder/developer pays cost for installation. There is no current GFC fee charged by the City.

Councilmembers discussed different changes that the City could make to these fees and the impact this would have on future development in the City.

It was agreed that the Mayor would ask City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the City to change the fees charged to as follows:

An installation fee of cost plus %10

An administrative fee of \$500.00 each for water and sewer connection

A GFC fee of \$1000.00 for each water and sewer connection

The Council also agreed that the effective date should be March 15, 2021. They would like these fees to be in place for 2 years and then reviewed.

It was noted that only the administrative fee can go into the general fund. The GFC fees go into a separate fund and can be used for future water and sewer maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT

M/Tweedy, S/Bratton; move to adjourn at 5:57 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Alex Kovach, Mayor

Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant