

The Childress City Council met in Regular Session Monday August 24th, 2020, at 6:05 p.m. in the Expo Center, Mashburn Event Center, 1100 7th St. NW, Childress, TX 79201.

Mayor Cary Preston

Aldermen Marino Rodriguez
Gary Clark
John Preston
Mike Dietrich

City Manager Kevin Hodges
City Attorney Steve Bird

Mayor led Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Doc Smith, Director of MDD, read a statement before Council. He discussed events held and sponsored by the MDD; and the subsequent tax dollars generated. Discussed HOT fund use and request allocation. No action.

Minutes of the previous meetings (August 3rd, August 7th, August 10th, August 10th, August 17th) were read and approved as presented. Motion to approve the Minutes made by Alderman Rodriguez; Seconded by Alderman Preston. All Ayes.

2nd reading of Ordinance 887

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Alderman Clark, Alderman Dietrich, Alderman Preston, Alderman Rodriguez

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Ordinance is passed and approved on the first reading this 10th day of August, 2020

Ordinance is passed and adopted on the second reading this 24th day of August, 2020.

ORDINANCE No. 887

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 887 ESTABLISHING THE RATES FOR CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF CHILDRESS, TEXAS. REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EXECUTION DATE THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CHILDRESS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: Outside City- Residential.

The monthly water rate for Residential (single dwelling) water services outside the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$90.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons ¹per premises connected to any utility service, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) 5,000-10,000 gallons \$7.50 per thousand
- (b) 10,000-15,000 gallons \$9.50 per thousand
- (c) 15,000-20,000 gallons \$11.50 per thousand
- (d) 20,000-25,000 gallons \$13.50 per thousand
- (e) For all consumption over 25,000 gallons, or any part thereof \$15.00 per thousand.

Connection Fees	\$25.00
Reconnection Fees	\$25.00
Return Check Charges	\$25.00

SECTION 2: Outside City – Commercial Type 1

The monthly water rate for Commercial (multiple dwellings on a meter) water services outside the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$90.00 ¹per

premises connected to any utility service for the minimum of 5,000 gallons, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) 5,000-10,000 gallons \$7.50 per thousand
- (b) 10,000-15,000 gallons \$9.50 per thousand
- (c) 15,000-20,000 gallons \$11.50 per thousand
- (d) 20,000-25,000 gallons \$13.50 per thousand
- (e) For all consumption over 25,000 gallons, or any part thereof \$15.00 per thousand.

SECTION 3: Outside City – Commercial Type 2

The monthly water rate for Commercial water services (single unit connection) outside the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$90.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) For all consumption over 5,000 gallons, or any part thereof: \$4.00 per thousand.

Connection Fees	\$25.00
Reconnection Fees	\$25.00
Return Check Charges	\$25.00

SECTION 4: Inside City – Residential

The monthly water rate for Residential water services in the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$45.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons ¹per premises connected to any utility service, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) 5,000-10,000 gallons \$7.50 per thousand
- (b) 10,000-15,000 gallons \$9.50 per thousand
- (c) 15,000-20,000 gallons \$11.50 per thousand
- (d) 20,000-25,000 gallons \$13.50 per thousand
- (e) For all consumption over 25,000 gallons, or any part thereof \$15.00 per thousand.

Connection Fees	\$25.00
Reconnection Fees	\$25.00
Return Check Charges	\$25.00

SECTION 5: Inside City – Commercial

The monthly water rate for Commercial water services in the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$45.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) For all consumption over 5,000 gallons, or any part thereof: \$4.00 per thousand.

Connection Fees	\$25.00
Reconnection Fees	\$25.00
Return Check Charges	\$25.00

SECTION 6: Bulk Water – Red River Water Authority (RRA)

The monthly water rate for Bulk water services in the City of Childress, Texas, rendered to Red River Water Authority shall be \$90.00 per unit for 28 taps (Saied Addition); with a volumetric rate charged for all gallons provided.

- (a) \$90.00 per tap for all connections in Saied Addition (28 currently)
- (b) For all consumption or any part thereof: \$4.00 per thousand

SECTION 7: Bulk Water – All Others

The monthly water rate for Bulk water services in the City of Childress, Texas, excluding RRA, shall be as follows:

- (a) For all consumption, or any part thereof: \$20.00 per thousand gallons

¹Chapter 50, Article II, Sec. 50-46. – Use assumed.

All premises connected to any utility service of the city shall be assumed to be using such utility service and the owner or occupant shall be charged therefor so long as such premises shall remain connected with the utility service.

Effective Date: October, 1, 2020

PASSED AND APPROVED on the first reading this 10th day of August, 2020

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the second reading this 24th day of August, 2020.

Presented Resolution 082420 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHIDRESS, TEXAS DECLARING REGULATIONS OF AND METHODS OF SERVICING OUT-OF-CITY-LIMITS TAPS, LINES, AND METERS

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Alderman Clark, Alderman Dietrich, Alderman Preston, Alderman Rodriguez

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Resolution passed and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHILDRESS, TEXAS DECLARING REGULATIONS OF AND METHODS OF SERVICING OUT-OF-CITY LIMITS TAPS, LINES AND METERS

All water lines with multiple meters or multiple dwellings shall be commercial. Rates shall be at whatever the City determines as necessary to maintain cost effectiveness.

The City will continue to read and bill each individual meter. The City will also read reach master meter (meter at tap to City main). Any water loss will be divided and billed among all Customers served by the master meter. All Customers will be responsible for maintaining the lines, valves, meters, etc. once the water leaves the master meter.

In the event a Customer needs their meter replaced, the City will sell them a meter. The Customer will be responsible (at their expense) for replacing the meter.

No new meters, taps, extensions, or additions shall be planned nor completed without prior approval of the City of Childress.

Resolution takes effect immediately upon and after passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHILDRESS, TEXAS, ON THIS 24TH DAY OF AUG 2020

Discussed Personnel Handbook amendments. Motion to add image of FMLA poster and copy the poster language to accompany it made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.

Motion to contract current budget year independent audit through Foster and Lambert. Motion made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Clark. All Ayes.

The City received one bid for Cemetery Landscape Services – Bid Proposal #0702-082020. The bid figure \$55,000.00/annually for mowing, blowing, and weed eating was submitted by Bushell Lawn Services. Discussed possibility of extending to multiple years. Further discussed possibility of a payment schedule other than monthly. After much discussion, motion was made to accept bid as is. Motion made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.

Discussed 2020-2021 Budget. City Manager Kevin Hodges discussed the Budget process. Mr. Hodges advised that from Budget presentation of Budget 1.1 to Budget presentation 1.5, ~\$640,000.00 in expenditures had been eliminated. Expenditures like: positions, projects, dilapidated structure demolition. He continued, the resulting bottom line of proposed Budget 1.5, is a net positive of \$938.00.

Alderman Dietrich discussed payroll figures and frozen positions. Advised his argument would be against budgeting for these frozen positions and lowering budgeted payroll expenditures.

Discussion surrounding payroll continued. Currently, have 3 employees out due to Covid quarantine. These employees still receive a paycheck, then backups are paid as well. Discussed the possibility of CRF (Coronavirus Relief Funds) to support some of these payroll expenditures. Mr. Hodges advised he is comfortable with the payroll figures being what is needed to support the payroll for upcoming budget year.

Motion to accept budget as presented made by Alderman Rodriguez; Seconded by Alderman Preston. Alderman Dietrich provided a dissenting vote of Nay. With one Nay vote in opposition, budget passes.

Discussed FY 2020-2021 Tax Rate

.417690	for the purpose of maintenance and operation
.389310	for the payment of principal and interest on debt of the city
- .369689	for General principal and interest
- .019621	for TWDB principal and interest
.807000	total tax rate

Discussed value comparisons, discussed year-over-year rate.

Roll Call vote to approve 2020-2021 tax rate

Aye: Alderman Clark, Alderman Preston, Alderman Rodriguez, Mayor Preston

Nay: Alderman Dietrich

Abstain:

With 4 votes in the affirmative, tax rate passes.

Alderman Dietrich discusses Mayoral inability to vote. States if he would not have voted, would not have passed.

City Attorney, Steve Bird, offers opinion and affirms Mayor ability to vote.

With there being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:01 p.m

The minutes were read and approved the 14 day of September, 2020.


Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kevin Hodges, City Manager