

The Childress City Council met in Called Session Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, at 12:13 p.m. in the Expo Center, Mashburn Event Center, 1100 7<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Childress, TX 79201.

Mayor Cary Preston

Aldermen Marino Rodriquez  
Gary Clark  
John Preston

City Manager Kevin Hodges  
City Attorney Steve Bird

Mayor led Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Larry Johnson advised he would like to speak instead during presentation of Item #4-Amendment to Water Rate Ordinance.

Council accepted Alderman Dietrich's resignation from Alderman Place #2. Motion to accept made by Alderman Rodriguez; Seconded by Alderman Preston. All Ayes.

Being that Mr. Dietrich is not present to accept his plaque, it will be mailed to him.

Presented amendment to Water Rate Ordinance. Amending only the RRA portion, underlined in the following language:

**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 <sup>1</sup>per 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 <sup>1</sup>per 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 <sup>1</sup>per 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 a base rate of \$90.00; with a volumetric rate charged for all gallons provided.**

- (a) \$90.00 base charge.**
- (b) For all consumption or any part thereof: \$5.15 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

<sup>1</sup>Chapter 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.

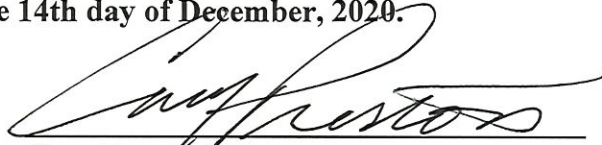
Larry Johnson commented that Red River Water Authority Customers are paying less than him; Further commented that Commercial entities are paying less than him.

City Staff responded: We cannot state what your consumption would cost if you were a Red River Water Authority customer, we cannot control those rates. Yes, Commercial entities would be charged less for the consumption you provided; it has been deemed by Council as a necessary cost of doing business for Commercial entities to use in excess of 25,000, and therefore a flat rate established. Rates may be amended if deem necessary.

Motion to approve rates, and do investigation on Commercial rate structure to be presented at a later time made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderman Preston

With there being no further business, Council adjourned at 12:30 p.m

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

  
Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Hodges, City Manager