

Water Sewer Committee meeting

The Vergas Water/Sewer committee met at the City Office on Thursday, October 6, 2022 with the following present: Natalie Fischer, Rebecca Hasse and Julie Lammers.

Vergas Water and Sewer Lines

Lammers reviewed current water and sewer line locations.

Vergas Well Installation Ordinance

Discussed the following ordinance: § 52.06 CONNECTION TO SYSTEM REQUIRED; USE OF PRIVATE WELLS.

(A) Connection Mandatory. Except where municipal water is not available, it shall be unlawful to construct, reconstruct, or repair any private water system which is designed or intended to provide water for human consumption. Private wells, to provide water for other than human consumption, may be constructed, maintained and continued in use after connection is made to the water system; provided, there is no means of cross-connection between the private well and municipal water supply at any time. Hose bibbs that will enable the cross-connection of the two systems are prohibited on internal piping of the well system supply. Where both private and city systems are in use, outside hose bibbs shall not be installed on both systems.

(B) Existing Dwelling Unit or Buildings. Each lot, piece or parcel of property in the City of Vergas, abutting on any street, avenue or alley in which a municipal water main is laid, and having an existing dwelling unit or any other buildings thereon, is required to be connected with the municipal water system of the City not later than November 1, 2010, or within three (3) months after a municipal water main is constructed provided the dwelling unit or building is served is within 200 feet of the edge of the street closest to the dwelling unit or building.

(C) New Dwelling Unit or Buildings. Each lot, piece or parcel of property in the City of Vergas, abutting on any street, avenue or alley in which a municipal water main is laid, and upon which a new dwelling unit or any other buildings is to be constructed, is required to be connected with the municipal water system of the City provided the dwelling unit or building served is within 200 feet of the edge of the street closest to the dwelling unit or building.

(D) Failure to Connect. Should the owner of any premises having access to the municipal water system as provided in this section fails to connect said premises with the municipal water system, the Council may cause such connection to said premises to be made upon an authorized representative of the City giving the owners 30 days written notice. The cost of said connection charges shall be assessed against the owner of said premises and if not paid within 30 days may be certified to the County Auditor to be collected in the same time and manner as real estate taxes against said property. Said assessment and connection charge shall be payable in three equal annual installments with one year's interest at the rate established pursuant to § 52.50 and one year's interest at the rate established pursuant to § 52.50 to be added to each subsequent installment on the unpaid balance.

Recommend to Council to change ordinance to state no new wells may be drilled in the City of Vergas.

New Development

Discussed new developments and water and sewer lines.

2023 Water Budget

Budget attached.

Recommendation for a 25 cents increase in water usage rate.

2023 Sewer Budget

Budget Attached.

Recommend no change in sewer rates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Julie Lammers

City Clerk-Treasurer

City of Vergas

Follow up actions:

Lammers to contact Josh Hanson to discuss assessments.

Lammers to contact Engineer regarding cost estimates.

Lammers to get bond and loan information for the project.