

**ADJOURNED
COMMISSION MEETING**

11:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 22, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Emporia, Kansas, met in Adjourned Session, Wednesday, December 22, 2021 in the City Commission Meeting Room with Mayor Gilligan presiding and Commissioners Brinkman, Giefer, Sauder and Smith present. Also present were City Manager Cocking, Assistant City Manager Massey, City Clerk Sull and City Attorney Montgomery.

**SANITARY SEWER
(Consider Increase in Sanitary Sewer Rates)
(Ordinance Number 21-41)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EMPORIA, KANSAS PERTAINING TO SEWER RATES; AMENDING SECTION 28-144 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES, to which the City Clerk assigned Ordinance Number 21-41, was presented to the Governing Body for their consideration.

Janet Harrouff, Director of Administrative Services, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated the proposed ordinances address rate increases necessary to cover the increase in bond payments for wastewater treatment plant improvements and other wastewater infrastructure projects. She stated to maintain the required reserve level of 20%, a 6% increase to the base and consumption rate increase is recommended. She stated additional rates will also be required for the next four years. There is a choice of two ordinances for the rate increase. One is to approve a 6% rate increase for 2022 effective January 1, 2022; the other has been included to approve a 6% rate increase for 2022, 6% increase for 2023, 5% rate increase for 2024, 3% rate increase for 2025 and a 3% rate increase for 2026. If the ordinance is approved for multiple years, the rates will be reviewed annually.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Giefer made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 21-41, an ordinance to approve a 6% rate increase for 2022 effective January 1, 2022. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion.

Mayor Gilligan stated he felt an effective date of April 1, 2022 was sufficient.

Commissioner Giefer made a motion to amend his motion to approve Ordinance 21-41 with an effective date of February 1, 2022. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the amended motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan.

SANITARY SEWER
(Consider Increase in Extra Strength Surcharge)
(Ordinance Number 21-42)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EMPORIA, KANSAS PERTAINING TO SEWER RATES; AMENDING SECTION 28-149 EXTRA STRENGTH SURCHARGE, to which the City Clerk assigned Ordinance Number 21-42, was presented to the Governing Body for their consideration.

Janet Harrouff, Director of Administrative Services, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated the proposed ordinance is for an increase in the extra strength sewer rate at the same percentage (6%) as the sanitary sewer increase. An extra strength surcharge was established for those nonresidential users who produce sewage with a BOD index above 300 or an SS index above 300 following a formula. She stated the proposed ordinances were following the same recommendations as the previous increase in sanitary sewer rates. One is to approve a 6% rate increase for 2022 effective January 1, 2022; the other has been included to approve a 6% rate increase for 2022, 6% increase for 2023, 5% rate increase for 2024, 3% rate increase for 2025 and a 3% rate increase for 2026. If the ordinance is approved for multiple years, the rates will be reviewed annually.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Brinkman made a motion to table this item to a future meeting in order to have more information to determine a rate increase. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

**EMPORIA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE
(Approve 2022 Rate Increase Schedule)
(Resolution Number 3660)**

Marcus Erkel, Golf Course Manager, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. He stated at a previous study session, the City Commission discussed an increase in golf course rates for 2022. Rates have not been increase since 2019. He stated he was recommending a rate increase on the daily fees would put the golf course in line with similar courses around the state. The slight increase would help offset some increased costs in expenditures. The golf course would also like to introduce a military discount at the same price as the senior discount. The golf course rates are as proposed:

Green Fees

Monday/Thursday Regular	\$20.00
Monday/Thursday - Senior/Military	\$18.00
Junior (after 2:00 p.m. on Weekends/Holidays)	\$ 9.50
Monday/Thursday Twilight	\$14.00
Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Holiday	\$24.00
Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Holiday Twilight	\$16.00
Monday/Thursday 9 hole	\$14.00
Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Holiday 9 hole	\$16.00

Annual Fees

Individual	\$675.00
Additional	\$390.00
Senior/Military	\$600.00
Junior	\$150.00

*After 2:00 p.m. on Saturday/Sunday/Holidays/Discretion of Golf Shop staff.

Trail Fees

Per Nine Holes	\$ 6.50
Per Eighteen Holes	\$ 9.50

Storage

Space and Trail Fee (Maximum two individual per space)	\$525.00
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Golf Cart Rental

9 Holes	\$ 8.00/person
18 Holes	\$14.00/person

Use of City Owned Golf Cart (May be limited due to number City owned golf carts)	\$650.00
Annual Driving Range	\$210.00
Annual Trail Fee	\$260.00
Pull Cart Rental	\$ 3.50
Driving Range	\$3.50/\$5.00
Club Rental	\$ 10.50

Commissioner Sauder made a motion to approve Resolution Number 3660, a resolution authorizing rate adjustments to the fee structure at the Emporia Municipal Golf Course. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss proprietary information of private businesses within the City limits of Emporia and to invite Special Projects Manager Jim Witt, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Adjourned Session at 12:10 p.m., this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Gilligan stated they had discussed proprietary information of private businesses within the City limits of Emporia and no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Giefer made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss consultation with the City Attorney from 12:12 p.m. to 12:17 p.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Sauder seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Adjourned Session at 12:17 p.m., this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Gilligan stated they had discussed consultation with the City Attorney and action would need to take place.

Commissioner Brinkman made a motion to approve the Waiver of Conflict with Triplett Wolff Garretson, LLC and for the Mayor to sign the document. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

Commissioner Giefer then made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan aye.

Robert F. Gilligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Sull, City Clerk