



## City of Freeport

### Workshop

6:00 PM/Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall

February 22, 2018 Agenda

#### I. Meeting Opened

The February 22, 2018 Workshop was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council Members present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Amanda Green, and Councilman William "Boots" McCormick

Staff present: City Clerk Rebecca Podraza, City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, City Engineer Cliff Knauer, City Engineer William Menadier, Lead Sewer Operator Bridget Hilgenberg, & Finance Officer Sara Bowers.

#### II. Impact Fees

Councilwoman Green provided information to the Council regarding the impact fees and that they are not up to current costs. Essentially, the City is not covering the cost to provide water or sewer to the public.

City Engineer Cliff Knauer approached the podium and reviewed the Water/Sewer Capacity Fees inside and outside the City.

The fees have not changed for many years and decisions will need to be made by the City regarding the decision to raise these fees.

Lead Sewer Operator Bridget Hilgenberg provided an updated Grinder Station Package Installation Cost sheet to the Council and reviewed the current costs. The cost has increased by over \$400.00.

#### III. Impact/Connection Fees

City Attorney Adkinson explained the concept of changing from an Impact fee to a Connection Fee.

This would be adopted by Ordinance repealing the original provisions to collect Impact Fees.

City Engineer Knauer also discussed a recommendation to the Council regarding 75% of the

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capacity fees be put into reserves and 25% be put into the operating accounts.

Mr. Jay Odom addressed the Council regarding water and sewer fees and the Council should take into consideration that a one size fits all fee schedule may not be the answer.

**IV. Adjournment**

**Mayor Barley adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.**

**FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL**

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Mayor

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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