



# City of Freeport

## Workshop

6:00 p.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall

July 26, 2018 Agenda

### I. Meeting Called to Order

The July 26, 2018 Freeport City Council 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, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Amanda Green, Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner and Councilman William “Boots” McCormick

II. Staff present: City Clerk Rebecca Podraza, Planning Director Latilda Hughes-Neel, Planning Technician Elizabeth McCombs, Parks Director Charles Simmons, Water Supervisor Larry Tuggle, Sewer Supervisor Robert Fawcett, Billing Supervisor Jennifer Douglas, Finance Officer Sara Bowers, and City Attorney Clay Adkinson.

### III. Capacity Fees

Attorney Adkinson announced that as previously discussed at several meetings, the City has indicated the intent to move forward with changing the way it assess the water and sewer fees. Upon October 1, 2018, Tap Fees and Impact Fees will be replaced by what has been defined as Capacity Fees, which is an all-in connection rate. Those rates are as follows:

#### Water Capacity Fees:

	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits (25% surcharge applied)
3/4" Water Service	\$1,050	\$1,312.50
1" Water Service	\$1,300	\$1,625.00

For any service above 1" there will be added the market price of the water meter  
If a directional bore is required for water service, it will be added to the above

#### Sewer Capacity Fees:

Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits (25% surcharge applied)
\$6,655.00	\$8,318.75

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The intent is that the City will be doing away with financing of these rates and will be moving to a system where the City will be reserving some of the funds out of both water and sewer for future expansion and growth as well as continuing the operation of the City's System.

This meeting is for public comment. These Workshops were scheduled so that the Council is aware, and the public has an opportunity for input and comment. Ultimately when the City enacts these rates, the City will be doing Sunset Provisions to allow people who are grandfathered in on Taps to come on board at present rate which will all be in the form of an Ordinance.

The first Notice of Intent will be presented for adoption at the Regular Council Meeting following the Workshop, which will be the first public notice that will be publicized in the paper.

Mayor Barley requested comments or concerns from the Public. No comments were made.

Councilman McCormick thanked Staff and Council for all their work on this project.

**IV. Adjournment**

Mayor Barley adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

**FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL**

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Mayor

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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