**CITY OF WAVERLY PROPOSED WATER / SEWER INCREASE**

The City of Waverly is proposing a water and sewer rate increase effective October 1, 2024, which was discussed at the July 2, 2024 City Council Meeting. The last time the City Council increased water rates was November 1, 2015, and sewer rates was April 1, 2018. The City does not take this action lightly and the action is based upon the following reasons: 1) the City’s water and sewer systems were installed in the late 1930’s and are nearing the end of their useful life without further investment, 2) during the COVID period the City Council took no action to increase rates, as well as freezing late fees, 3) the current water and sewer funds are operating at a deficit and should operate in the black with adequate reserve funds for emergencies and capital investments, 4) recent inflation is affecting key utility system inputs such as power, equipment and maintenance which increased between 20 – 60 percent or more in some cases in the past two (2) years, outpacing water rates across the nation, 5) changing regulations in water and sewer utilities are causing an increased need for financial investment to maintain compliance and ensure a high level of services for customers, 6) the average water bill for 4,000 gallons in central Illinois for similar sized communities is approximately $57.00, 7) the average sewer bill for 4,000 gallons in central Illinois for similar sized communities is approximately $40.00 and 8) after the proposed rate adjustments, the cost for one gallon of water will be approximately one (1) penny.

**Current – In Town 10/01/24 – In Town**

Water - $18.00 (minimum \*) Water - $28.00 (minimum \*)

After 1st 1000 gallons – $6.80 After 1st 1000 gallons - $10.00

Sewer - $12.00 (minimum \*) Sewer - $15.00 (minimum \*)

After 1st 1000 gallons - $3.60 \*\* After 1st 1000 gallons - $6.00 \*\*

**10/01/25 – In Town**

Water - $35.00 (minimum \*)

After 1st 1000 gallons – $13.00 \*\*

Sewer – 3 percent increase

**Current – Out of Town 10/01/24 – Out of Town**

Water - $20.50 (minimum \*) Water – $30.50 (minimum\*)

After 1st 1000 gallons – 7.80 \*\* After 1st 1000 gallons - $11.80 \*\*

**10/01/25 – Out of Town 10/01/26 – Out of Town**

Water - $37.50 (minimum \*) Water – 3 percent increase

After 1st 1000 gallons - $14.00 \*\*

**\* The minimum usage is up to 1000 gallons**

**\*\* After the 1st 1000 gallons, the price is for each additional 1000 gallons**

The first reading of the proposed ordinance will be at the August 6, 2024, City Council Meeting. The City of Waverly prides itself for having a very high quality of water for use by its customers and wants to continue doing so for the foreseeable future. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the City Office or attend the August City Council Meeting. Thank you.