

2023 Utility Rate Adoption and Update on Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) & Capital Equipment Plan (CEP)

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# Proposed 2023 Utility Rate Adjustments

- Utility Rate Study completed by Springsted in 2018
- Proposed Utility Rate Adjustments are:
  - Water 15% rate increase
  - Wastewater 1.75% rate increase
  - Storm Water 15% rate increase
  - Garbage no changes to rates
- An average residential customer would see their total utility bill increase from \$72.04 to \$75.75

# **Proposed Utility Bills**

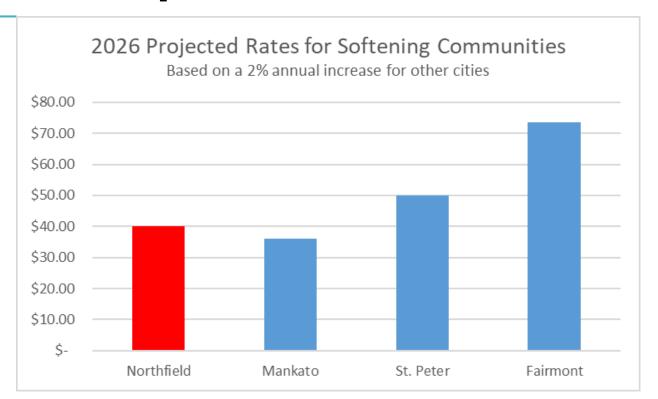
Sample Bills - Residential							
Average Residential							
589	cubic feet						
0.33	acre	lot					
		2022		2023	2024	2025	2026
Water	\$	14.69	\$	16.89	\$ 20.27	\$ 24.32	\$ 29.19
Sewer	\$	37.55	\$	37.92	\$ 38.30	\$ 38.69	\$ 39.07
Garbage (35 gal)	\$	12.30	\$	12.30	\$ 12.30	\$ 12.30	\$ 12.30
Storm Water	\$	7.50	\$	8.63	\$ 9.92	\$ 11.41	\$ 13.12
	\$	72.04	\$	75.75	\$ 80.80	\$ 86.72	\$ 93.69

 Note: Above bills show water projections with City receiving 75% federal funding for Drinking Water Treatment Plant.

# Water Fund

- Purchase/Acquisition of Drinking Water Treatment Plant Property
- 2023 NW Mill and Overlay, Water Valve Repairs
- Drinking Water Treatment Plant \$32.5 Million (debt issuance will most likely be in 2024)
- City is still seeking federal funding for the Drinking Water
  Treatment Plant
  - 15% increase based on potential for 75% of project is federally funded.
- Total Operating Budget is \$2.0 Million

#### **2026 Comparable Cities User Rates**





# Wastewater Fund

- Construction of Wastewater Projects that were identified in the 2021 Adopted Facility Plan Update
  - BAF Blower Replacements \$2.1 Million
  - Biosolids Liquid Storage \$3.7 Million
  - SCADA Upgrade \$830,000
  - Influent Lift Pumps Replacement \$715,000
  - HVAC Equipment Upgrades \$205,000
  - Primary Clarifier Improvement \$380,000
  - Rooftop solar \$400,000
  - Building Roof Replacement \$810,000
- Total Project= \$9.1 Million
- Total Operating Budget is \$3.7 Million

# Stormwater Fund

- \$2.1 Million in 2023 Capital Outlay
  - 2023 Storm sewer repairs
  - Lincoln Waterway Box Culvert (under Railroad Tracks)
- \$125,000 for interior river wall maintenance (tuckpointing, cleaning, sealing)
- Downtown Flood Study Phase II should be completed near the end of 2022.
  Potential design of improvements in 2023.
- Stormwater rate increase based on above projects.

Total Operating Budget is ~\$900,000

# Garbage Fund

- \$40,000 Preliminary design of exit from Compost Site to Sechler Rd when train is blocking exit leaving resident without an exit. This was budgeted in 2022 but work may not start until 2023.
- Continued education and outreach on new services offered in the refuse/recycling hauling contract.
- Education related to waste reduction.
- Note: We have 510 Yard Waste Customers

Total Operating Budget is ~\$800,000