

ORDINANCE NO. 56

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE WATER TO BE FURNISHED AND SERVICES TO BE RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS the City of Barling, Arkansas is proposing to purchase the existing water system of the City and to construct distribution system improvements to the water system, and the City does not have funds available to undertake and complete said purchase and improvements, but can obtain the same by the issuance of revenue bonds; and

WHEREAS ~~as the initial step in said undertaking~~ it is necessary for the City to establish rates to be charged for the water to be furnished and services to be rendered by the proposed Water System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Barling, Arkansas:

Section 1. That the following monthly rates be, and they are hereby, fixed as rates to be charged for water to be furnished and services to be rendered by the Water System of the City of Barling, Arkansas, to-wit:

MONTHLY WATER RATES

The water usage of each customer shall be determined each month by meter measurement, and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

For the first 3,000 gallons of water consumption (or

portion thereof) per month, ^{4.50}~~\$4.00~~ (which shall be the minimum monthly charge);

For the next 7,000 gallons of water consumption per month, \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons;

For the next 40,000 gallons of water consumption per month, \$0.40 per 1,000 gallons;

For the next 50,000 gallons of water consumption per month, \$0.30 per 1,000 gallons;

For all over 100,000 gallons of water consumption per month, \$0.25 per 1,000 gallons.

Section 2. Tapping Fee and Deposit. An initial deposit ~~of \$5.00~~ shall be made by each new member of the System, which shall be retained by the City to assure prompt payment of monthly water bills. In addition thereto, there shall be a tapping fee applicable to all customers of an amount equal to the actual cost to the City.

Section 3. Reconnection Charge. In the event any premises are disconnected from the Water System, the customer concerned, prior to reconnection, shall pay all delinquent charges and pay a reconnection charge of \$5.00 for each reconnection of the premises to the Water System.

Section 4. That meters shall be installed at each water connection, and there shall be no dual connection or more than one user on any single meter. All bills for water services shall be rendered in the net amount due. ~~If any water bill is not paid on or before the tenth (10th) day after the bill therefor shall~~

~~be rendered, a ten per cent (10%) penalty shall be added.~~

If any bill is not paid within thirty (30) days after the bill shall be rendered, water services shall be disconnected.

Section 5. That none of the facilities or services afforded by the Water System shall be furnished without a charge being made therefor.

Section 6. That the City Council hereby finds and declares that the above rates are fair, reasonable and necessary minimum rates, and will produce sufficient revenues to pay principal of and interest on the proposed revenue bonds as they mature, the paying agent's fees, to provide depreciation funds for replacements or repairs to the Water System, and to pay the reasonable operation and maintenance expenses of the Water System.

Section 7. That the lack of an adequate Water System and related facilities is very detrimental to the welfare, health and property of the inhabitants of the City, and that such Water System and facilities can be made available only by the issuance of bonds, and that the fixing and establishing of rates to be charged for the water to be furnished and services to be rendered by the proposed Water System is an essential prerequisite to the issuance of bonds. It is, therefore, declared that an emergency exists, and this ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in force and shall take effect immediately upon and after its passage.

PASSED: OCTOBER 1ST, 1968.

APPROVED:

Ronald W. Smith
Mayor

ATTEST:

Raymond J. Carter
City Recorder

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