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FOLEY CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO RAISE WATER/SEWER RATES FOR 2019 IN PREPARATION FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM UPGRADE, EXPANSION

Foley, Minn. – Dec. 13, 2018 – The Foley City Council voted unanimously during their Dec. 4 council meeting to raise the city water/sewer rates for 2019.

The City of Foley is systematically raising rates to fund an anticipated wastewater system upgrade and expansion as well as to qualify for state funding for the project. The state uses formulas to calculate what a community needs to charge in order to qualify for certain funding programs. Without state funding, Foley residents could end up footing the entire bill for the anticipated multi-million wastewater improvement project.

“Water and sewer infrastructure is a vital city service that you can’t see and don’t pay much attention to until it suddenly stops working,” said Sarah Brunn, Foley City Administrator. “With these rate increases, the City Council is ensuring we can continue to maintain our current infrastructure as well as expand to accommodate future growth.”

The new 2019 rates are roughly the equivalent of a 5% increase over 2018 rates. Foley residents will see an increase to their minimum water/sewer bill from \$83.49 to \$87.69.

Water Quarterly

Minimum for up to 7,000 gallons.....\$39.00
Excess over 7,000 gallons.....\$00.57 per 100 gallons or portion thereof

Sewer Quarterly

Minimum for up to 7,000 gallons.....\$46.20
Excess over 7,000 gallons.....\$00.66 per 100 gallons or portion thereof.

Rates are effective upon publication, Jan. 1, 2019. Foley residents will see the new rates reflected in their first quarter 2019 water/sewer utility bills scheduled to arrive in mailboxes in April 2019.

Other fees listed on the City Fee Schedule that saw increases are Medical and Emergency/Rescue Calls and the Lion's Park Shelter Rental. For a full list of fees and changes, please see the Fee Schedule document.

Foley, Minn. is the County Seat of Benton County, a rural community located 50 minutes north of Minneapolis and St. Paul and 15 minutes northeast of St. Cloud, Minn. Living in Foley offers a small town atmosphere along with many recreational opportunities, including two city parks, a skateboard park, golf course, a municipal swimming pool and walking trail. Foley has a population of more than 2,700.

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