

City of Cuba- Water & Sewer Committee Minutes

Special Invite: Judy Leasman

March 25th 2026

7:00 PM

Committee Members in Attendance:

Alderman Lynch, Alderman Yocum, Alderman Burgett

Additional Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor Cozart, Mrs. Leasman

The Water & Sewer Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Review of Delinquent Water & Sewer Accounts

The Committee reviewed the status of multiple delinquent water and sewer accounts.

Several long-term delinquent accounts with balances ranging from several hundred dollars to over \$6,000.

Confirmation that some services have been shut off for extended periods due to nonpayment.

Discussion of collection efforts including mailed notices, account flagging, and service shutoffs.

Review of reconnection fees and late fees as established by ordinance.

Clarification that late fees and reconnection charges must be applied consistently.

Committee Direction:

Staff should continue enforcement consistent with ordinance.

Adjustments or fee removals must be documented and justified.

No service reconnections without proper authorization and procedures.

Water and Sewer Rate Review

The Committee discussed the need for rate adjustments due to increased wholesale water costs and deferred rate increases over the past several years.

Water and sewer rates have not been adjusted for approximately four years.

Upstream supplier rate increases from Canton/Wee-ma-tuk continue annually.

Infrastructure replacement costs, particularly the water tower and sewer projects, have increased significantly.

Proposed Adjustments:

Water Rate Increase: \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer Rate Increase:

Base rate increase of \$2.00

Usage rate increase of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons

A motion was made to approve the above water rate increase of \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons, Alderman Lynch/ Burgett
All Ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the above Sewer Usage rate increase of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons, Alderman/ Lynch
Burgett, All Aye's, motion carried

A motion was made to approve the above Sewer Base rate increase of \$2.00, Alderman Lynch/ Yocum, All Aye's
motion carried.

Capital Funding – Water Tower, Water Meters, and Sewer Projects

The Committee reviewed capital funding needs and current fund balances.

Estimated water tower rehabilitation/replacement cost approaching \$1,000,000.

Water tower fund balance currently insufficient to address upcoming infrastructure needs.

Review of designated fees for water tower and water meter replacement.

Need for clearer accounting and segregation of capital funds.

Committee Direction:

Rate increases will partially support long-term capital reserves.

Financial staff to review fund allocations and provide recommendations to the Finance Committee.

Future consideration for repayment of previously transferred restricted funds.

Service Reconnection Procedures

The Committee discussed incidents involving water service reconnections at unoccupied premises.

Committee Direction:

Staff shall require an adult to be present inside the residence when water service is restored.

Visual confirmation must be completed before leaving the site.

Written procedures to be developed and implemented.

Administrative and Billing System Updates

Discussion of billing system consistency (gallons vs. cubic feet).

Staff noted improvements with new reporting capabilities.

Staff directed to monitor late fee application and reporting accuracy.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM, Alderman Yocum/ Burgett, All Aye's, motion carried