

City of Falmouth  
Special Council Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2018  
6:00 PM

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Falmouth City Council met in Special Session at 6:00 pm on August 8, 2018. Mayor Ron Stinson presiding. The following Council Members were present: Sebastian Ernst, April DeFalco, Joyce Carson, Amy Hitch, Amy Hurst, and Philis Wait.

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer by Council Member Amy Hurst.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Special Meeting was called for Council to provide relief to our customers for the recent increases in their City of Falmouth utility bills. Due to some questions and complaints, mayor and council worked to come up with ordinances that will allow for a reprieve on these increases this month. Council is proposing a credit on all utilities in the amount of the rate increase only for this month to allow customers time to prepare their budget and monitor their usage through August, before their next utility bill is generated. The city hopes this will help the residents to better prepare and be aware of the increases to come.

*Amending Ordinance #70.06 -2018-section 51.02 regarding electric rates.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #70.07-2018 read by City Attorney regarding amending the electric rates for bills due August 10th back to the previous rates. This amendment will provide a credit on all utility accounts in the amount of the difference. This ordinance will also allow for customers to request a refund for the credit in writing at City Hall.

*Amending Ordinance #71.23-2018-section 50.40 regarding water/sewer rates.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #71.24-2018 read by City Attorney regarding amending the water/sewer rates for bills due August 10th back to the previous rates. This amendment will provide a credit on all utility accounts in the amount of the difference. This ordinance will also allow for customers to request a refund for the credit in writing at City Hall.


A Special Meeting for August 9, 2018 has been called to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> readings on both ordinances.


Mayor Stinson also provided Council with a new ordinance to review for the next regular council meeting that will produce the water/sewer increase over the next 6 months. This ordinance would allow the increase to start at 30%, then 40%, and then the 50%. Again, this proposal is

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with the intent to allow customers to prepare and budget for the increases on water/sewer. This ordinance will be discussed on August 14, 2018 meeting.

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member DeFalco, second by Council Member Ernst. All Aye.

  
Ron Stinson, Mayor

  
Attest: Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk