



## WEST DES MOINES WATER WORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COMMUNICATION

**ITEM:****DATE:** November 5, 2018**3. Recommendations from Committees****a. Finance and Audit**

- 1. Resolution** – Fixing the Date, Time and Place for a Public Hearing on Water Rate Adjustments at 4:00 PM, November 19, 2018 at 1401 Railroad Avenue, West Des Moines, Iowa

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**SUMMARY:**

A public hearing is required prior to adjusting water rates and various water basic service charges. This action will set a public hearing for the November 19, 2018 meeting. A summary of rates in the metro area is included in this packet for your review. Even with the proposed increases for 2019 West Des Moines Water Works rates for domestic/commodity service are the lowest in the suburbs.

**BACKGROUND:**

An adjustment to the water rates is necessary to generate adequate revenues to pay for increasing costs of operation and a portion of planned capital outlay. The draft 2019 budget included in your board packet contains a proposed 5% domestic/commodity water rate increase and a proposed 6% irrigation water rate increase. The proposed rate increases reflect the increasing cost of purchased water from Des Moines Water Works, as well as upcoming large capital projects including a new administrative office building and future expansion of production capacity. No increase to the basic service charge for domestic water is proposed at this time.

This rate increase proposal will be presented for review during the upcoming draft budget discussion. At that time a decision will be made by the board regarding appropriate rate adjustments to be presented at the public hearing.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

To concur with the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee and adopt a Resolution Fixing the Date, Time and Place for a Public Hearing on Water Rate Adjustments at 4:00 PM on November 19, 2018 at 1401 Railroad Avenue, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **RESOLUTION**

### **A RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, management and control of the West Des Moines Water Works is vested in The Board of Trustees, and

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Trustees has determined that it is necessary and in the public interest to revise the rates applicable to the sale of water to its customers, and

**WHEREAS**, before said rate adjustments may be adopted, it is necessary to hold a public hearing,

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST DES MOINES WATER WORKS, AS FOLLOWS:**

That the General Manager and Secretary be and is hereby directed to publish public notice of hearing in a local newspaper, said publication to be not less than four clear days nor more than twenty days hereinafter fixed as the date for a public hearing on the proposed water rate adjustments, said hearing to be at West Des Moines Fire Station 17 Conference Room, 1401 Railroad Avenue (Fire Station 17), West Des Moines, Iowa on Monday, November 19, 2018, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 5th day of November, 2018

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WEST DES MOINES WATER WORKS**

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Brian Rickert  
Chair

Attest:

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Diana J. Wilson  
General Manager and Secretary