

# New Water and Sewer Rates Coming in October

Utility rates are increasing; the City of Peculiar Board of Aldermen has approved the following utility rates beginning in October 2014

- Water rates across the board are increasing \$2.50/1000 gallons, to ensure a steady, sustainable water supply
- Sanitary sewer rates are increasing \$0.55/1000 gallons, for increased operational and maintenance costs, as well as funding "cash" for future CIP
- Trash service remains unchanged

Yet, the single largest CIP second only to new interchange will be a NEW WATER SUPPLY. As discussed, proposed and adopted with both the FY 2013-2014 and FY 2014-2015 budgets, the BOA approved the long-term water rate increase of \$1.50/1000 gallons and \$2.50/1000 gallons, respectively for a new connection to Kansas City water near the Hubach Hill elevated storage tank along J Hwy in Raymore. This project allows the city to connect to water sources significantly cheaper than its current source. With the total project cost of nearly \$4M, the cost of the project will be funded with the issuance of revenue bonds, and the planned increases over the next two (2) fiscal years are as follows:

- FY 2015-2016 \$2.00/1000 gallons
- FY 2016-2017 \$1.50/1000 gallons

City staff is constantly being asked, "Why is my water bill so high,?" First; the monthly bill you receive is actually a utility bill showing three different charges, water, wastewater (sewer) and trash.

The cost of water consists of the following:

- Wholesale water costs
- Operation and maintenance
- Capital improvements, including much deferred maintenance
- Debt

For the average monthly usage of 5,000 gallons, and the cost for that water in the City of Peculiar beginning with the October 2014 billing cycle is \$80.79. If you divide the cost of your water (\$80.79) by the amount of water you receive (5,000 gallons) you pay \$0.016158 for each gallon. That is less than \$0.02/gallon! It needs to be pointed out, if you use less or more than 5,000 gallons the cost will be slightly different.

We hope this gives you another outlook of your water bill.

## PECULIAR WATER WORKS MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Peculiar, Water Works Division is dedicated to providing a safe, reliable, high quality, water supply product that safeguards the public health of our customers by meeting or exceeding all state and federal guidelines at a cost effective rate.

If you have any questions, please contact City of Peculiar's Engineering office at 816-779-2228

## Rates for 2014/2015

<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Trash</u>	<u>2011 Bond</u>
<u>City</u>	<u>City</u>	Residential \$14.80	\$12.00
Minimum \$19.71	Minimum \$15.55	Senior (55+) \$13.80	
1000+ \$15.27	1000+ \$7.40		
<u>Rural</u>	<u>Business/Government</u>		
Minimum \$22.45	Minimum \$20.55		
1000+ \$16.27	1000+ \$8.90		
	<u>Rural</u>		
	Minimum \$50.55		
	1000+ \$9.90		