

**The Childress City Council met in Regular Session Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Expo Center, Mashburn Event Center, 1100 7<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Childress, TX 79201.**

**Mayor Cary Preston**

**Aldermen Marino Rodriquez  
Gary Clark  
John Preston  
Mike Dietrich**

**City Manager Kevin Hodges  
City Attorney Steve Bird**

**Mayor led invocation.**

**Public Comment.**

**Minutes of previous meeting were approved. Motion made by Alderman Preston, Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.**

**Council approves granting Cemetery grave space to Mr. David Galligan, City Manager for many years of the City of Childress. Motion made by Alderman Dietrich; Seconded by Alderman Preston. All Ayes. It was further noted that if any resident, previous employee, etc. believes they have an arrangement with the City of Childress to please bring before Council before the end of the year.**

**Motion to approve master meters, lines, liabilities and regulations as presented. Motion made by Alderman Rodriguez; Seconded by Alderman Clark. Language approved:**

**All water lines with multiple meters or multiple dwellings shall be commercial. Rates shall be at whatever the City determines as necessary to maintain cost effectiveness.**

**The City will continue to read and bill each individual meter. The City will also read each master meter (meter at tap to City main). Any water loss will be divided and billed among all Customers served by the master meter. All Customers will be responsible for maintaining the lines, valves, meters, etc. once the water leaves the City's master meter.**

**In the event a Customer needs their meter replaced, the City will sell them a meter. The Customer will be responsible (at their expense) for replacing the meter.**

**No new meters, taps, extensions, or additions shall be planned nor completed without prior approval of the City of Childress.**

**Presented Amended Ordinance 887.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Alderman Clark, Alderman Dietrich, Alderman Preston, Alderman Rodriguez**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**All Ayes, first reading passes**

## **ORDINANCE No. 887**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 887 ESTABLISHING THE RATES FOR CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF CHILDRESS, TEXAS. REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EXECUTION DATE THEREOF.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CHILDRESS, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1: Outside City- Residential.**

The monthly water rate for Residential (single dwelling) water services outside the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$90.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons <sup>1</sup>per premises connected to any utility service, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) 5,000-10,000 gallons \$7.50 per thousand
- (b) 10,000-15,000 gallons \$9.50 per thousand
- (c) 15,000-20,000 gallons \$11.50 per thousand
- (d) 20,000-25,000 gallons \$13.50 per thousand
- (e) For all consumption over 25,000 gallons, or any part thereof \$15.00 per thousand.

Connection Fees	\$25.00
Reconnection Fees	\$25.00
Return Check Charges	\$25.00

**SECTION 2:Outside City – Commercial Type 1**

The monthly water rate for Commercial (multiple dwellings on a meter) water services outside the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$90.00 <sup>1</sup>per premises connected to any utility service for the minimum of 5,000 gallons, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) 5,000-10,000 gallons \$7.50 per thousand
- (b) 10,000-15,000 gallons \$9.50 per thousand
- (c) 15,000-20,000 gallons \$11.50 per thousand
- (d) 20,000-25,000 gallons \$13.50 per thousand
- (e) For all consumption over 25,000 gallons, or any part thereof \$15.00 per thousand.

**SECTION 3: Outside City – Commercial Type 2**

The monthly water rate for Commercial water services (single unit connection) outside the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$90.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) For all consumption over 5,000 gallons, or any part thereof: \$4.00 per thousand.

Connection Fees	\$25.00
Reconnection Fees	\$25.00
Return Check Charges	\$25.00

**SECTION 4: Inside City – Residential**

The monthly water rate for Residential water services in the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$45.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons <sup>1</sup>per premises connected to any utility service, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) 5,000-10,000 gallons \$7.50 per thousand
- (b) 10,000-15,000 gallons \$9.50 per thousand
- (c) 15,000-20,000 gallons \$11.50 per thousand
- (d) 20,000-25,000 gallons \$13.50 per thousand
- (e) For all consumption over 25,000 gallons, or any part thereof \$15.00 per thousand.

Connection Fees	\$25.00
Reconnection Fees	\$25.00
Return Check Charges	\$25.00

**SECTION 5: Inside City – Commercial**

The monthly water rate for Commercial water services in the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$45.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) For all consumption over 5,000 gallons, or any part thereof: \$4.00 per thousand.

Connection Fees	\$25.00
Reconnection Fees	\$25.00
Return Check Charges	\$25.00

**SECTION 6: Bulk Water – Red River Water Authority (RRA)**

The monthly water rate for Bulk water services in the City of Childress, Texas, rendered to Red River Water Authority shall be \$90.00 per unit for 28 taps (Saied Addition); with a volumetric rate charged for all gallons provided.

- (a) \$90.00 per tap for all connections in Saied Addition (28 currently)
- (b) For all consumption or any part thereof: \$4.00 per thousand

**SECTION 7: Bulk Water – All Others**

The monthly water rate for Bulk water services in the City of Childress, Texas, excluding RRA, shall be as follows:

- (a) For all consumption, or any part thereof: \$20.00 per thousand gallons

<sup>1</sup>Chapter 50, Article II, Sec. 50-46. – Use assumed.

All premises connected to any utility service of the city shall be assumed to be using such utility service and the owner or occupant shall be charged therefor so long as such premises shall remain connected with the utility service.

**Effective Date: October, 1, 2020**

**PASSED AND APPROVED on the first reading this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020**

**Will be presented for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading at upcoming Meeting.**

**Presented FY 20-21 Budget. Motion to approve budget as presented made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Dietrich. All Ayes.**

**City Manager provided Tax Rate Calculations. No New Revenue tax rate of 0.780542; Voter-Approval tax rate of 0.807005; and De Minimis tax rate of 1.039744.**

**Pursuant to provision in Senate Bill 2, The Childress City Council approved to calculate the Voter-Approval rate at 8% rather than 3.5%.**

**After much discussion, Council took recess at 7:07 p.m.  
Return from recess at 7:34 p.m.**

**Discussion surrounding tax rates continued. Motion to propose a rate of .807000, below the Voter-Approval tax rate of .807005 made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes**

**With there being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m**

**The minutes were read and approved the \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2020.**

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Cary Preston, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kevin Hodges, City Manager