

UTILITIES COMMISSION MINUTES
OF PUBLIC HEARING
on
**Proposed Revisions to
the
Existing Water Rate Schedules**

June 15, 2020

1. Call Public Hearing to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairperson Keith Hedrick.

Attending the Public Hearing were: Chairperson Hedrick, Commissioners Duarte, Scully and Zuliani; Director of Utilities Gaudet, City Finance Director Yuhas, and Executive Administrator Walencewicz.

Also present was City Councilors Beckford, McCabe, Stanford and Carter; General Managers Daniels, Blanchette, and Biron; Managers Xiang, Valentini, Bouges and Brooks; Executive Assistant French; and Utility Financial Solutions, LLC Consultant, Mark Beauchamp.

2. Statement of Public Hearing Published May 29, 2020 and again June 8, 2020 in *The Day* of New London.

Chairperson Hedrick noted for the record that the legal notice of the Public Hearing was published in *The Day* of New London on May 29, 2020 and again June 8, 2020.

3. Powerpoint Presentation of the Financial Projection / Cost of Service

The presentation was given by Mark Beauchamp, CPA, CMA, MBA, President of Utility Financial Solutions, LLC. The Cost of Service Study (COSS) was reviewed and the increase over the next three years was explained. The Commission had opportunity to ask questions; no questions were asked.

4. Receipt of Public Comments on the Proposed Revisions to the Existing Water Rate Schedules

A. Acknowledge Correspondence for the Record

1. Sam Spano, 300 Thames Street Groton, CT correspondence received in writing on 6/15/2020: *A water rate increase is of significant importance. Any water rate increases should be postponed until such time that a public hearing can be held when taxpayers can actually attend in person to voice their comments and concerns. It should be noted that any water rate increases are of significant concern since they will effectively be doubled by the recent sewer fees which are based on water usage.*
2. Tim Rodgers 600 Shennecossett Road Unit L Groton, CT correspondence received in writing on June 2, 2020: *Will this have any impact on the sewer rate? Or will there be a separate rate schedule increase for sewer?*

General Manager Daniels explained that the sewer rate is not related to the water rate, but rather water usage.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 6:58.