CITY OF BRYANT ORDINANCE NO. 2011 - 30

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE Nos. 2009-28 and 2010-28 AND ESTABLISH RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE SEWER FACILITIES OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant, Arkansas (the "City") owns and operates a water and sewer system (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to amend the rates for calendar year 2012 and establish the rates for calendar year 2013 for sewer services of the System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Amendment to Ordinance No. 2009—28, As Amended by Ordinance No. 2010-28

Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2009-28, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1(d): For sewer service billed by the City after January 1, 2012, the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof:

\$14.82 (minimum charge)

All water consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons:

\$0.724 per 100 gallons.

Section 2. Sewer Rates for 2013

For sewer service billed by the City after January 1,2013, the amount to be paid by each customers shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof:

\$15.22 (minimum charge)

All water consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons:

\$0.746 per 100 gallons.

Section 3. Non-Resident Customers

Customers receiving sewer services to locations outside of City limits will be charged double the prevailing minimum charge.

Section 4. Rate Review

- (a) On or before August 30, 2012, the City shall review the rates set forth in Section 1 above to ensure that such rates, together with the rates set forth in Section ____ of Ordinance No. 2011 ___, will produce revenues sufficient to pay debt service on outstanding bonds secured by water and sewer revenues ("System Bonds"), provide an adequate depreciation fund, pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System and meet any required bond covenants for the next ensuing fiscal year.
- (b) On or before August 30, 2013, the City shall review the rates set forth in Section 2 above to ensure that such rates, together with the rates set forth in Section ____ of Ordinance No. 2011 ____, will produce revenues sufficient to pay debt service on outstanding System Bonds, provide an adequate depreciation fund, pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System and meet any required bond covenants for the next ensuing fiscal year.
- (c) On or before June 30, 2014 and on or before June 30 of each third year thereafter, the City shall engage a duly qualified consulting engineer not in the regular employ of the City (an "Engineer") to review the then current water and sewer rates and make recommendations as to whether any rate increases are necessary to produce revenues sufficient to pay debt service on outstanding System Bonds, provide an adequate depreciation fund, pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System and meet any required bond covenants for the next ensuing fiscal year.
- (d) Beginning in 2015, the City, on or before August 30 of each year that an Engineer is not engaged pursuant to subsection (c) above, shall review the then current water and sewer rates to determine whether any rate increases are necessary to produce revenues sufficient to pay debt service on outstanding System Bonds, provide an adequate depreciation fund, pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System and meet any required bond covenants for the next ensuing fiscal year.

Section 5. Charges Required

None of the sewer services afforded by the System shall be furnished without a charge being made therefor. Any multi unit that has installed a master meter will pay the Minimum Charge on each unit plus usage shown on the master meter.

Section 6. Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are separable and if a section, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 7. Repealer

All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29 day of October, 2011.

Mayor Jill Dabbs

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