
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: WRRF- Septage Pricing -Resolution 62-22

Background Summary:

Resolution 62-22 establishes a new price of \$0.25 per gallon for the taking of septage waste at the Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). As discussed at the previous workshop the current price for taking septage is \$0.03 per gallon, and this has been the price for over twenty years. Historically we have not taken a lot of septage as is it conflicts with our plant treatment process. Aerobic (WRRF) vs. Anerobic (septage). Our new plant would handle it a little better and added overall flow rates will help dilute it as well. So, we could take a bit more. A recent study conducted by Fox Engineering for nearby New Hampton found that the current cost of processing septage for our type of system is approximately \$0.18 per gallon, additionally the treatment cost for taking porta potty waste is even more due to the high concentrations and chemicals used with them.

Both New Hampton and Charles City agree that these rates need to be raised as the city should not be subsidizing the handling of septage. We had discussed various approaches to raising this rate from a single year change to a multi-year increase. As discussed at the council meeting the other night, we will look to increase this rate in one step and then look to apply annual increases to it similarly to how we address other sewer costs.

\$0.25 establishes a rate that will cover the costs of taking septage as well as leave some additional margin for the added costs of porta potty waste.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASE IN CHARGES FOR ACCEPTING SEPTAGE

WHEREAS, the City of Charles City, Iowa receives septage from various haulers to process through our wastewater plant, and

WHEREAS, the charge for this service has been \$.03/gallon for many years,

WHEREAS, costs to treat this septage have increased dramatically over the years and staff are recommending increasing our fee to cover the cost for the city to treat this product,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Charles City, Iowa, meeting in regular session on this 16th day of May, 2022, that the fee for treating septage is increased to \$.25/gallon.

COUNCIL MEMBER moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution;

COUNCIL MEMBER seconded the motion to adopt, and on roll call the voting was as follows:

AYES:

NAYES:

Passed and approved this 16th day of May, 2022.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk