

ORDINANCE NO. 23-920

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER AND WATER RATES FOR THE CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS, TO BE EFFECTIVE ON THE BILLING DUE JANUARY 10, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Gentry, Arkansas has determined pursuant to a rate study that water and sewer rates should be addressed on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, it is the City Council’s duty to establish and maintain just and equitable rates or charges for the service rendered by each user of the sewerage system of the City.

NOW, therefore, be it ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas;

Section 1: The City of Gentry hereby ADOPTS the following regarding sewer and water rates:

PART A: Sewer Rates.

The sewer service charges shall be based on water usage and determined by applying the following schedule of rates, reflective on and after the bill due January 10, 2024:

A. Monthly charges for all customers situated within the corporate limits of the City.

- (1) For the first 1,000 gallons or portion thereof \$9.05 (minimum)
- (2) For the next 4,000 gallons or portion thereof \$3.33 per thousand gallons
- (3) For the next 45,000 gallons or portion thereof \$2.54 per thousand gallons
- (4) For all usage in excess of 50,000 gallons \$1.65 per thousand gallons

B. Monthly charges for all customers situated outside the corporate limits of the City.

- (1) For the first 1,000 gallons or portion thereof \$15.00 (minimum)
- (2) For the next 4,000 gallons or portion thereof \$4.20 per thousand gallons
- (3) For the next 45,000 gallons or portion thereof \$2.54 per thousand gallons
- (4) For all usage in excess of 50,000 gallons \$1.65 per thousand gallons

PART B. Water Rates.

The water service charges shall be based on water usage and determined by applying the following schedule of rates, reflective on and after the bill due January 10, 2024:

1. Water rates within the City

A. For customers within City limits, minimum water rates for the first 1,000 gallons or portion thereof, shall be based upon meter size, and the monthly minimums shall be as follows, based upon meter size:

- i) 5/8" x 3/4" - \$16.29
- ii) 1" - \$22.65
- iii) 1 ½" - \$28.99
- iv) 2" - \$46.45
- v) 3" - \$175.12

vi)	4"	-	\$222.78
vii)	6"	-	\$335.15
viii)	8" and above	-	\$460.99

B.

For portions of 1,001- 15,000 gallons	\$6.60 per thousand
For portions of 15,001 - 50,000 gallons	\$6.35 per thousand
For portions of 50,001 - 300,000 gallons	\$6.12 per thousand
For portions of 300,001 - 1,000,000 gallons	\$5.65 per thousand
For portions of 1,000,001 - 5,000,000 gallons	\$5.25 per thousand
For quantities in excess of 5,000,000 gallons	\$3.59 per thousand

2. Water rates outside the City

A. For customers outside City limits, minimum water rates for the first 1,000 gallons or portion thereof, shall be based upon meter size, and the monthly minimums shall be as follows, based upon meter size:

i)	5/8" x 3/4"	-	\$38.52
ii)	1"	-	\$53.76
iii)	1 ½"	-	\$67.81
iv)	2"	-	\$110.96
v)	3"	-	\$419.69
vi)	4"	-	\$533.93
vii)	6"	-	\$800.85
viii)	8" and above	-	\$1,105.82

B.

For portions of 1,001- 15,000 gallons	\$10.97 per thousand
For portions of 15,001 - 50,000 gallons	\$8.97 per thousand
For portions of 50,001 - 300,000 gallons	\$6.99 per thousand
For portions of 300,001 - 1,000,000 gallons	\$6.12 per thousand
For portions of 1,000,001 - 5,000,000 gallons	\$5.50 per thousand
For quantities in excess of 5,000,000 gallons	\$3.59 per thousand


Section 2: All Ordinances or Resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby REPEALED to the extent of said conflict.

Section 3: Emergency: The rates proposed herein must be implemented immediately in order to allow the City to receive the revenues required to properly maintain and operate its water and sewer infrastructure within the City of Gentry, Arkansas. Accordingly, the Counsel finds that this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of Gentry, shall take effect immediately on its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th day of November 2023.

ATTEST:


 Tonya Carney, Director of Finance


 Kevin D. Johnston, Mayor

