



CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
12:00 PM, Tuesday, June 24, 2025
IONIA CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Richard Starr called the special meeting of the Ionia City Council to order at 12:04 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Richard Starr led everyone present with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed a Quorum with Councilmembers Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Tim Lee, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, and Troy Waterman present. Mayor John Milewski was absent.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With no changes or additions, Councilmember Cowling made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

(III.1.) Review applications from City Council Ward 3 Applicants

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to appoint Mary Patrick to the Ward 3 City Councilmember vacancy with an unexpired term ending December 31, 2028.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Tim Lee, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

IV. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

(IV.1.) Resolution 2025-16: A Resolution to Establish Water and Sewer Rates effective July 1, 2025

City Manager Garland presented Resolution 2025-16 to the Council proposing a 3.78% increase to water and sanitary sewer rates, based on an average household usage of 22,000 gallons per month.

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lee, to approve Resolution 2025-16 to increase the water and sanitary sewer rates effective July 1, 2025, consistent with the previously approved FY2025-2026 City of Ionia Operating Budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Tim Lee, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2025-16



A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY OF IONIA'S WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTERS 214 AND 1040 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF IONIA

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, held at the Ionia City Hall, 114 North Kidd Street, Ionia, Michigan, on the 24th day of June 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Tim Lee, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Troy Waterman, and Jeff Winters

ABSENT: John Milewski

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by City Councilmember Winters and was seconded by City Councilmember Lee:

WHEREAS, the City of Ionia is authorized by law and contract to set and establish rates, fees, and charges for services and use of the City Water Supply System and the Sanitary Sewer System; and

WHEREAS, without limiting the foregoing, Sections 214.05 and 1040.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ionia expressly provide for the establishment of such rates, fees, and charges by the City Council's adoption of resolutions from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in reliance on the reports and data provided to it regarding the utility systems, finds and determines that the rates, fees, and charges for the service and use of the utility systems as set forth in this Resolution are appropriate and should be adopted and established as being the best interest of the City, its businesses, residents, and the systems' customers and

users.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as accurate and incorporated herein.
2. The amounts for the charges, surcharges, and fees for the services and use of City's Water and Sanitary Sewer Systems are hereby established and provided as follows:

Water System Rates and Charges (Code Sec. 214.05(c)(1)):

Water Facilities maintenance charges as of 7/1/2024

000 to 100,000 gallons	1 REU	\$33.39/qtr
100,000 to 300,000 gallons	5 REU	\$166.95/qtr
300,000 to 1 million gallons	13 REU	\$434.07/qtr
1 million to 2 million gallons	45 REU	\$1,502.55/qtr
2 million to 10 million gallons	90 REU	\$3,005.10/qtr
10 million gallons plus -usage is divided by 22,000 gallons X \$33.39/qtr/REU		

Water Facilities maintenance charges as of 7/1/2025

000 to 100,000 gallons	1 REU	\$34.00/qtr
100,000 to 300,000 gallons	5 REU	\$170.00/qtr
300,000 to 1 million gallons	13 REU	\$442.00/qtr
1 million to 2 million gallons	45 REU	\$1,530.00/qtr
2 million to 10 million gallons	90 REU	\$3,060.00/qtr
10 million gallons plus -usage is divided by 22,000 gallons X \$34.00/qtr/REU		

Commodity rate: All water service shall be charged on the basis of water consumed as determined by the meter installed by the Department in the premises of water users. The commodity rate shall be per thousand metered gallons.

	Effective
<u>7/1/2024</u>	<u>7/1/2025</u>
\$4.20	\$4.60

Sanitary Sewer System Rates and Charges (Code Sec. 214.05(d)(1)):

Sewer Facilities maintenance charges as of 7/1/2024

000 to 100,000 gallons	1 REU	\$44.59/qtr
100,000 to 1 million gallons	5 REU	\$222.95/qtr
1 million to 2 million gallons	45 REU	\$2,006.55/qtr
2 million to 4 million gallons	90 REU	\$4,013.10/qtr
4 million to 8 million gallons	180 REU	\$8,026.20/qtr
8 million to 10 million gallons	360 REU	\$16,052.40/qtr
10 million gallons plus -usage is divided by 22,000 gallons X \$44.59/qtr/REU		

Sewer Facilities maintenance charges as of 7/1/2025

000 to 100,000 gallons	1 REU	\$45.00/qtr
100,000 to 1 million gallons	5 REU	\$225.00/qtr

1 million to 2 million gallons	45 REU	\$2,025.00/qtr
2 million to 4 million gallons	90 REU	\$4,050.00/qtr
4 million to 8 million gallons	180 REU	\$8,100.00/qtr
8 million to 10 million gallons	360 REU	\$16,200.00/qtr
10 million gallons plus -usage is divided by 22,000 gallons X \$45.00/qtr/REU		

Commodity rate: All sewage disposal service shall be charged based on water consumed. The commodity rate shall be per thousand metered gallons.

<u>7/1/2024</u>	Effective <u>7/1/2025</u>
\$4.87	\$4.90

3. The City Council of the City of Ionia additionally authorizes its City Manager to take such administrative and similar actions as are reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement this Resolution.

4. All prior resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2025-16 DECLARED ADOPTED.

(IV.2.) Bid Award - City of Ionia 2025 Computer Upgrade Project

Councilmember Millard made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to approve the quote from CDW-G in the amount of \$24,338.88 to purchase computer equipment as specified with funds budgeted and available in 101-258.000-980.000.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Tim Lee, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Tom Millard: (1) Recognized the construction crews for their good work on Kimball Alley; (2) Mentioned that planning for the Free Fair Parade is coming along nicely.

Brenda Cowling: Advised everyone to stay cool and hydrated during the warm weather.

Troy Waterman: Noted that the car show was good this year.

Jeff Winters: Commented on how great Hale Park is looking.

City Manager Garland: Reminded everyone of the upcoming Uncle Sam Jam and fireworks display scheduled for June 26.

Richard Starr: Echoed sentiments on everyone staying hydrated.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Millard made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan T. Bowman
Ionia City Clerk