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FISCAL YEAR 2020 UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENTS

(Greenleaf, Idaho) Based on the Fiscal Year 2020 budget, The Greenleaf City Council approved a fee schedule at their 03 September 2019 meeting that included a three percent (3%) increase in the monthly sanitary sewer service fee, and a four percent (4%) increase in solid waste disposal (garbage) fee. The new rates are effective with October water usage, billed at the end of October 2019 and past due after 20 November 2019. All bills not paid in full are subject to an \$8.00 penalty (late fee) and utility disconnection.

The monthly sanitary sewer flat rate from \$87.41 to \$89.99 (3% increase), and the solid waste disposal fee for residential service from \$13.77 to \$14.21 (4% increase).

City Clerk Lee Belt remarked that, “As part of their financial duty to the city, the City Council examines all utility rates every year against expected costs for the coming year during the city's annual budgeting process.”

The Clerk went on to explain that, “The City of Greenleaf has one of the lowest property tax rates in the State. Because of this, the city does not have revenue from property tax available to subsidize utility fees by covering all administrative expenses from the city's general fund. To address this, the City Council proposed a property tax levy increase that was soundly defeated at the polls in November of 2008. The clear message from the community was a choice for low property tax, and utility rates which bear the full burden of utility costs.”

Per Idaho Code §50-1001, the city's fiscal year starts on the first day of October. Idaho Code §63-1311A authorizes fee increases of up to five percent without a public hearing.

The City of Greenleaf is located in Canyon County, Idaho on State Highway 19, five miles west of I-84 at Caldwell, Idaho, and 5 miles east of US-95 at Wilder, Idaho.

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