

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
6:30 PM
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
8 WEST BROADWAY
FORT MEADE, FLORIDA**

A Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Rick Cochrane	Present
Vice Mayor	Bob Elliott	Present
Commissioner	Barbara Manley	Present
Commissioner	Maurice Nelson	Present
Commissioner	Jim Watts	Absent

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present*
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Present
City Planner/ Assistant Deputy Clerk	April Brown	Present
Finance Director	James M. Parker	Present

*City Attorney Cloud arrived at 6:41 P.M.

Also present: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Andy Beymer.*

*Sergeant Beymer arrived at 6:53 P.M.

3. WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY

Mr. Jerry Hartman, GAI Consultants, presented the Commission with a rate study for the Water and Sewer rates. Mr. Hartman recommended that the rate increase be at 14.5% with a minimum annual inflationary index of the rates and charges in the amount of the 20-year average of the Florida Public Service Commission Price Deflator Index, which is 2.1%, or each current year's Deflator Index,

whichever is greater. Mr. Hartman also stated that with this rate increase the City will still be one of the lowest rates in the State.

Mr. Hartman also recommended that we change the miscellaneous charges such as the different meter sizes so the customer pays for what they get.

Commissioner Manley asked when the last time the City had a rate study done. City Attorney Cloud stated that in 2006 there was a study done by the Florida Rural Water Association and the rate was increased minimally with no index.

Motion Manley, seconded Nelson to have City Attorney Cloud draft an ordinance outlining the water and sewer rate increase.

Motion carried with all yeas.

Motion Elliott, seconded Manley to accept the rate study as presented.

Motion carried with all yeas.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Manley, seconded Elliott to adjourn the Special Meeting of the City Commission at 7:04.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Rick Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk