

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE UTILITY  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
OF SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS  
HELD ON JUNE 29, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Neff.

Commissioner Neff held the Roll Call and those present were: Weyl, Wiggins, Galicia, Neff. Keck arrived later.

City representatives present included: Christina Petriches, Acting City Administrator; Tesha Burrows, Billing Supervisor; Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director; Phil Stokes, Electric Director.

Commissioner Neff lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Neff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2023 meeting. Wiggins made a motion, Neff seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Utility Billing**

Tesha Burrows introduced herself and explained that the utility office has three full time employees, and the city has two meter readers. They send approximately 9,000 utility statements each month and 1,600 past due/shut off statements. 200-250 customers' utilities are shut off each month. Across the board, electric rates have only increased approximately 3% since 2005. The minimum water charge has gone up \$10.60 since 2005. And the minimum sewer charge has increased by \$12.17 since 2005. Burrows reviewed changes in curbside solid waste collection, and dumpsters both within and outside city limits. Discussion was had about billing cycles and ways to pay utility bills. Commissioner Keck asked that a notice be put on the city website to remind residents that level-pay may be available to them.

Neff made a motion to adjourn. Wiggins seconded. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn.

APPROVED:

  
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David Neff, Chair

7-27-23

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