

Atchison leaders table pending increases

(KAIR)--The City of Atchison has placed on hold the setting of new rates for water, sewer, and solid waste.

That follows Monday's meeting of the Commission where the initial call for a motion regarding the water rates failed to gain a second, leaving the matter on the table for the time being.

A key concern, moving forward with the setting of rates, is the impact that an Atchison County voter-approved sales tax, replacing a long-controversial sales tax, will have.

Voters in November gave approval to the three-fourths of one percent sales tax, replacing the current sales tax in funding joint communications and solid waste.

The .75-percent sales tax will expire in 10-years, as required by state statute, after it takes effect in April.

It replaces the 1993 voter approved, countywide sales tax to fund joint communications and solid waste. Years of disagreement followed, with local cities, such as Atchison, questioning their share of apportionment.

City Manager Amy Finch told the City Commission Monday the City's final portion will likely come in March.

Following her presentation, and discussion was held, it was agreed to by the Commission to table the setting of rates until its next, regular meeting.

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