

Hiawatha sewer rate increase approved

**(KNZA)--Sewer rates are going up for customers of the city of Hiawatha.**

**The City Commission Tuesday evening approved an ordinance increasing rates about 43 percent, effective with the February 1, 2023 billing.**

**The city says the average customer will see an about a \$25 increase in their monthly sewer rate.**

**The minimum charge for customers inside the city limits will increase about \$14 a month to \$45.80, while the minimum charge for customers outside the city limits will increase about \$17 a month to \$55.87.**

**In addition, customers inside the city limits will pay a user charge of \$42.67 per 1,000 cubic feet of water and those outside the city limits will pay a user charge of \$85.34 per 1,000 cubic feet of water.**

**The last sewer rate increase was in 2017.**

**The Commission also earlier this month approved a 20 percent water rate increase, which will take effect with the February billing.**

**The last water rate increase was in 2016.**

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