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On this the 13th day of May 2025, the City Council of the City of Burnet convened in a Workshop Session, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 2402 S. Water, Burnet, TX thereof with the following members present, to-wit:

Mayor

Gary Wideman

Council Members

Cindia Talamantez, Philip Thurman, and Ricky Langley

Absent

Tres Clinton, Tommy Gaut, and Joyce Laudenschlager

City Manager

David Vaughn Maria Gonzales

City Secretary Maria Gonzales

Guests: Haley Archer, Jessi Carpenter, Jill Disler, Mark Ingram, Patricia Langford, Keith McBurnett, Thad Mercer, Andrew Scott, Jacob Thomas

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

2.1) Discuss and consider: Water infrastructure and staffing needs to support increased capacity and long-term sustainability of the water supply; Review of City of Burnet water rates and comparison with other municipalities

City Manager David Vaughn provided an overview of the current water rates and the operating budget for the Water Department. Mr. Vaughn reported that the Department's operating budget has experienced a gradual decline in recent years. He noted that recent increases in water consumption have primarily been driven by new housing developments within the City.

Mr. Vaughn further explained that the last water rate increase occurred in 2011, and the last wastewater rate increase took place in 2012. Additionally, impact fees have remained unchanged since 2004. He informed the Council that several upcoming water capital projects are expected to have significant financial implications.

In a comparative analysis, Mr. Vaughn stated that the City of Burnet's current water rates are on the lower end relative to neighboring communities, while wastewater rates fall within the midrange.

Following the discussion, City Council directed staff to develop and implement a plan that would increase both water and wastewater rates by 10% effective June 1, with an additional 10% increase scheduled for October 1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: None.

REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL FOR FUTURE REPORTS: In accordance with Resolution R2020-28 councilmembers may request the City Manager to prepare and present future reports on matters of public interest: None.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary

Gary Wideman, Mayor