ORDINANCE NUMBER 14-023

An ordinance to revise the water rate charges for water purchased from the City of Beatrice, Nebraska; to authorize the Beatrice Board of Public Works to establish charges to be paid by property owners for tapping of commercial mains; to repeal Ordinance Number 13-050 and any other conflicting ordinances or parts of ordinances; and to provide for publication in pamphlet form and an effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEATRICE, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. The following charges are hereby adopted and established for customers of the Water Works System of Beatrice, Nebraska, based on service charges and monthly consumption;

(a) The monthly service charge will be assessed according to the following schedule:

For Service through 5/8 or 3/4 inch meter..... $11.75
For Service through a 1 inch meter..... 14.95
For Service through a 1 1/4 or 1 1/2 inch meter..... 20.20
For Service through a 2 inch meter..... 28.15
For Service through a 3 inch meter or larger..... 50.25

(b) Charges for Water furnished in addition to the Service Charges shall be set at $1.95/1,000 gallons of water usage.

(c) The monthly charge for water from transmission line furnished to Agrium U.S. Inc. and Koch Nitrogen, Inc., pursuant to the contracts between said Companies and the Board of Public Works and amendments thereto shall be as follows: the service charge will be assessed as $50.25 per month, for the first 100,000 gallons, the rate above in (b) shall apply.

Next.....400,000 gallons..... $.68 per 1,000 gallons
Over....500,000 gallons..... $.46 per 1,000 gallons

(d) The monthly charge for water furnished to the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District and the Village of Filley, Nebraska pursuant to contracts between said political subdivisions and the City of Beatrice, and amendments thereto, shall be as follows:

Service Charge..... $50.25

Charges for Water furnished in addition to the Service Charges shall be set at $1.95 per 1,000 gallons of water usage.

(e) A charge shall be made for fire hydrants and sprinkler service (unmetered) at the following rate:

Private Fire Hydrants..... $ 95.00 per year
4 Inch Sprinkler Service..... 170.00 per year
6 Inch Sprinkler Service..... 245.00 per year
8 Inch Sprinkler Service..... 330.00 per year

(f) A monthly infrastructure improvement charge will be assessed according to the following schedule:

For Residential customers.....$2.00 per month
For Commercial customers.....$3.00 per month

SECTION 2. The Beatrice Board of Public Works is hereby authorized to establish the charges to be paid by the owner of any property desiring to connect the same with a commercial main in the City of Beatrice. Such charges shall be based upon the average cost to the Beatrice Board of Public Works for such tapping of commercial mains in the City of Beatrice.

SECTION 3. That the charges prescribed and established by this Ordinance shall become effective after the effective date of this Ordinance, except for charges to Agrium U.S., Inc. and Koch Nitrogen, Inc. as described in Section 1 Paragraph (c) which shall become effective January 1, 2015, and shall remain in full force and effective until amended or repealed by an ordinance of the City of Beatrice. All billings after the effective date of this Ordinance shall be at the new rates.

SECTION 4. That Ordinance Number 13-050 and any other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of September, 2014.

Dennis M. Schuster, Mayor

Attest:

Linda S. Koch, City Clerk