

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Roger A. Bergman in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

**Present:** Council Members Bob Monetza, Edward Nieuwenhuis, Dennis Scott, Michael Fritz, and Mayor Roger A. Bergman.

**Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** City Manager Patrick McGinnis, City Clerk Linda L. Niotis, Finance Director James Bonamy, City Engineer Brian Vilmont, and Management Intern Sam Janson.

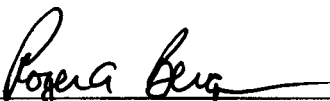
**1. Water/Sewer Rate Adjustments**  
**Jim Bonamy, Finance Director**

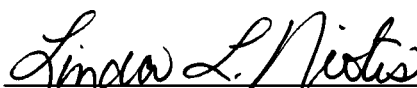
Finance Director Bonamy reviewed the information presented in the agenda packet. The annual rate increase of 3%, per City Council's direction in March 2009, would take effect this month. Ready-to-serve charges would increase for two sizes of meters (5/8 & 3/4) from \$5.00 to \$6.00. A continuing goal for the City was to implement a monthly instead of quarterly billing cycle. A cost-effective way to make this change would be to install either "radio read" or "WiFi read" meters to allow for electronic polling.

City Manager McGinnis stated that he would research and prepare a report on costs and benefits of an automatic meter reading system. He would also report the annual projected increases in ready-to-serve if the base usage amount (2,200 gallons) were eliminated. Finally, he would prepare a document to show what it would take to change the current winter quarter measurement policy (to base the sewer consumption amount for the remainder of the year) to a year 'round, pay-for-what-you-use policy.

**2. Adjournment**

After hearing no further business, Mayor Bergman adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

  
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Roger A. Bergman, Mayor

  
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Linda L. Niotis, City Clerk