



Public Notice

The Village of Ceresco's water supply is derived from three municipal wells. The Village's distribution system also includes one elevated water storage tank.

SUEZ Advanced Solutions (Utility Service Co., Inc.) presented to the Village Board a new innovative approach, a comprehensive well asset management program.

For municipal systems, a preventive well asset management program is a sustainable and cost-effective solution to ensure the wells are kept clean for improved raw water quality, increased flow capacity, higher efficiency and lower pumping energy costs. This innovative approach also reduces maintenance costs.

Asset management is a framework that's being widely adopted as a means of achieving a sustainable water infrastructure. It involves managing capital assets to minimize the total cost of ownership and operation, while at the same time delivering high-quality service. The innovative well asset management program from SUEZ, which bundles well and pump condition assessments, a customized rehabilitation plan and routine cleanings into a single contract was approved by the Village Board.

For 2018, the Village Board decided to put one well on a full service well maintenance program to evaluate the efficiency of the program. The well integrity will be verified and the pumping equipment will be removed to perform a pre-treatment video inspection. If needed, the well will be rehabilitated using the AQUA FREED Liquid CO2 injection process.

If the treatment is successful, the Village plans to put the two additional wells on the asset management program. In order to finance the asset management program, a water and sewer rate study was performed by the Nebraska Rural Water Association. The last rate increase was almost 9 years ago on September 1, 2009. The results of the study show the need for an increase in both water and sewer rates. The increase will take effect over a two year period.

Below are several of the proposed changes for the minimum water use base charge per month.

- Residential ¾" water line is currently \$19.00, increasing to \$23.00
- Rural ¾" water line is currently \$22.80, increasing to \$27.60
- Commercial ¾" water line is currently \$19.00, increasing to \$23.00

Below are a couple of the proposed changes for residential and commercial water rates in excess of the minimum base charge.

- 0-10,000.....gallons per month.....currently \$1.40 per thousand, increasing to \$1.75 per thousand
- 10,001-40,000.....gallons per month..... currently \$1.80 per thousand, increasing to \$2.25 per thousand

Rural water consumers located outside the corporate limits of the Village are 120% of the rate established for resident users.

- 0-10,000.....gallons per month.....currently \$1.68 per thousand, increasing to \$2.10 per thousand
- 10,001-40,000.....gallons per month..... currently \$2.16 per thousand, increasing to \$2.70 per thousand

To view the proposed Ordinance 2018-1 to increase the water and sewer rates, please contact the Village Office.