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Dispute rises for impact fees

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ENOCH - As wished for in Wednesday night's City Council meeting invocation, a sudden downpour hit Enoch as council members approved edits to references in the Enoch City Code revised ordinances, approved an investment policy and received information on impact fees.

City Manager Bryan Dial went in-depth during a city council work meeting before the regular meeting began on what impact fees are used for and what they do not cover, in preparation for discussion on adding a secondary water impact fee.

The City Council will address the secondary water fee in two weeks, Dial said, calling it a necessary addition for a growing city.

"The way our city is set up, to maintain growth, we will need a secondary water system," Dial told the council. "What we've learned in the last few years is this is a desirable place to live and that's not going to change once the economy picks up again in a couple years."

Enoch City Water Board members at the meeting said the impact fee would pay for new lines and holding tanks to store the water, that general fund money in the budget cannot legally be used for.

City treasurer Susan Lewis gave an example during staff reports that, had secondary water impact fees already been in place, the 24 new homes built last fiscal year, at \$2,300 in fees per home, would have brought in just over \$55,000 for the city to use for new lines.

Water board members said the lines installed with that money would go to the biggest users first, which include parks, schools and churches.

As of now, these places and homes use culinary water for things like lawns, that secondary water could replace to eventually save money, quality and quantity of culinary water, Dial said.

The council has also informed the public that the filing period for elected city offices began July 1 and runs through July 15 at 5 p.m.

Enoch City residents will elect a four-year term mayor, two four-year term council members and one two-year term member.

For more information on filing for office, call the city offices at 435-586-1119.
