



October 2, 2018

To All Out-Of-City & Sherwood Shores III Water Users Concerning a Water Rate Increase

On September 25, the Granite Shoals City Council voted to approve an increase in water rates charged to both in-city and out-of-city water customers. The increase for out-of-city water users will raise the minimum water rate for 2,000 gallons by \$3.50, from \$61.23 to \$64.73, and for water usage above 2,000 gallons by \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons for each of the rate levels for out-of-city customers. The last increase in the minimum base rate for 2,000 gallons was November 23, 2012. The \$3.50 increase in the base minimum rate for out-of-city users represents 5.7% increase over a six-year period, or approximately 1 % annually. Water rates will change with the beginning of the first billing cycle in October, 2018.

With the growth of the Sherwood Shores III area, the City is planning for improvements costing in excess of \$900,000 based on preliminary estimates, including a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) notice to initiate planning for a new 10,000-gallon pressure tank and increased pumping capacity estimated to cost \$600,000. The pressure tank and increased pumping capacity has been submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for evaluation. If approved, options for a grant and project financing maybe available.

Questions, please call 830-598-2424, and reference this notice.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peggy Smith'.

Peggy Smith

Assistant City Manager / Utility Director

City of Granite Shoals