

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: NEIL JENSEN, City Administrator

SUBJECT: WAC and SAC Fee Reduction Discussion

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2021

BACKGROUND:

Sewer and water access fees for the commercial and industrial permits have been abnormally high for a considerable amount of time in Cannon Falls. These fees top out at \$30,010 for water and sewer. As council understands the last several building permits in the commercial and industrial zone the applicants have requested a reduction in the fees. These are brought in front of the council on a one-by-one basis and the reduction has been approved.

The Public Works Commission has reviewed the water and sewer fees and the consensus was to lower the Commercial and Industrial water and sewer access fees to \$5,600 each. By doing this it would eliminate the top 3 tiers and Cannon Falls would have a single fee for commercial and industrial users for access to the system.

I would like the city council to discuss this issue and if there is consensus, I will discuss the proper method to reduce this fee with our city attorney (i.e., public hearing, ordinance amendment, etc.) and bring it back to the city council at the next meeting.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Please consider the reduction of the sewer and water access fees and if the consensus is to lower the fees, I will bring it back at the next meeting.