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City May Reduce Water Charges For All Volume Users

225 Senior Citizens Get Cheaper Water

A total of 225 senior citizens in Henderson have taken advantage of a lower water rate which was granted recently by the city council, according to City Manager Don Dawson.

While most residents of Henderson pay a flat rate of \$4.40, and 23 cents per thousand gallons, the senior citizens, who have lived in Henderson for at least the past three years, do not pay the \$4.40,

but pay only for the water actually used or 23 cents per thousand.

Dawson said the senior citizen rate costs the city \$12,000 per month, but this is absorbed by the utilities department.

REQUEST STATE LOOK

The responsibility of repaving the Major and Basic Road intersections at Boulder Highway is the responsibility of the state, according to Henderson's Director of Public Works Robert Whitney.

The entire Boulder Highway surface is scheduled to receive a final "overlay" within the next month or so, but the condition of the two intersections... especially the easterly side of Basic Road and the highway... has reached the point where Whitney has requested the state to inspect it and affect some temporary repairs.

Local residents crossing Boulder Highway on Basic from the downtown side are forced to come to an almost complete stop on the far side of the highway due to the pronounced drop in road level. This "stop" backs up traffic across the heavily traveled highway and creates a safety hazard.

It is hoped that the situation will be remedied shortly.

'HUMAN SERVICES' STRESSED

A Henderson community survey proposal was submitted to the city council by Bill Carlos of the Clark County Juvenile Service and Joe Burnett, administrator at the Henderson Mental Health Clinic.

The matter was discussed at last Thursday's council committee meeting.

In their presentation, the men complimented the city on its concern for its people and went on to say that in order to still better serve the needs, "we public servants must know better the wants, needs and desires of the people."

Noting that such information would be of great use to all agencies in the city, the men requested that the survey be undertaken in the name of the city. The survey itself would be done by the agencies making the request... it would be of no expense to the city... and will be of assistance in determining future "human services" provided here.

The council expressed interest in the plan and voted a recommendation of "do pass" for their next regular meeting.



SIGNS OF SPRING—Spring has got to be just around the corner when the warming temperatures and gentle breezes call out the combination of kids and their kites. The skies over Henderson are once again becoming dotted with weaving, waving, darting bits of paper launched upward by youthful navigators such as the two Henderson youngsters caught by the camera of Bob Woodruff recently. Surely, Spring cannot be far away.

Mobile Home Community Seeks Council Approval

A planned community of up to 1,400 mobile homes in the Pittman area came before the Henderson City Council at their committee meeting last week and was given a new lease on life as the committee agreed to consider a zoning ordinance amendment which would allow the existence of the 200 acre development.

The project, planned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw in connection with the Heers Brothers, would consist of a mobile home development where the residents would own their lots and participate in maintenance of the community through a homeowners' association.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Shaw urged the council members to give approval to the long discussed development. "I feel this would be an attribute to Henderson," Mrs. Shaw stated. "It will in no way be a slum area... we are catering to retired people... lower income people... who cannot afford large sums of money for retirement homes."

Mr. Shaw also expressed a plea for council action. "This has been discussed with the city since last April," he told the committee. "Your planning commission gave its approval... we are not 'sub-standard' in any sense."

In response to a question, Shaw stated that density of the proposed development would be seven homes per acre. He added, "We're not planning to develop the whole thing at once... we will develop in increments of approximately 100 at a time... each with their own association."

"We have financial timelines to meet," Mrs. Shaw said. "Let us get started... see what we are doing."

Planning Director Bob Dietrich explained that the planning commission had given its O.K. to the project and that the Planned Community (P-C) Ordinance

had been extensively rewritten to allow for this type of development. However, the rewritten ordinance has never been introduced to council for approval.

The committee agreed to read the ordinance in title at their next council meeting and refer it to committee for further study.

Johnny Riddle Memorial Fund Dinner Wednesday

A Dime-a-Dip dinner and meeting for the Johnny Riddle Memorial Fund will be held tomorrow beginning at 7 p.m. at the home economics room at the Civic Center on Water Street.

The committee has issued an invitation for all Henderson people to attend and support the founding of a local fund to help local families who are faced with leukemia. The group and fund are not connected with any national organization. They are made up of... and are formed to... be of assistance to local families.

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A new water rate schedule for the City of Henderson was introduced to the city council by City Manager Don Dawson at a council committee session last Thursday.

The suggested changes would allow residential customers to enjoy a reduced rate of ten cents per 1,000 gallons for all consumption over 40,000 gallons per month... and would give all other metered users a similar reduced rate for all consumption over 500,000 gallons a month.

Dawson said he had worked up the proposed changes in order that, "The water customers of this city may enjoy an irrigation water rate that will allow the maintenance of lawns at the lowest possible cost."

He added, "After very careful consideration, it has been concluded by the administrative staff that the revenue anticipated within the 1973-74 budget will be provided within this service fee proposal."

It was pointed out that this change from the present water rate schedule was possible (legally) because of the authority vested in the city council and city administration and that such changes would not be possible should a regional water agency be created.

The residential rate... as proposed... would still include a base charge of \$4.40. A charge of 23 cents per 1,000 gallons would still be charged up to 40,000 gallons, with the reduced rate of ten cents per 1,000 gallons picking up thereafter.

On November 1, 1972, the water rate schedule for the city was increased and brought into line with charges currently in force in the Las Vegas Valley Water District. An important exception to this was the special reduced charge established here for qualifying senior citizens... a rate which does not include the base charge of \$4.40. This important exception was also possible because of the fact that Henderson controls its own water system and establishes the charges connected with its operation.

Because there were two members of the council not present at the committee session... Mayor Estes McDoniel and Councilman Jack Jeffrey... the item was continued to a committee meeting scheduled for March 8.

A REAL GAS

Gasoline bids for premium gasoline in the bulk, will be opened by the Henderson city council on Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the regular meeting.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked gasoline bids, and submitted to City Clerk Genevieve Harper.

The city is seeking approximately 125,000 gallons to be delivered to the City storage tanks in quantities of 1500 gallons to the police department and 600 gallons to the shop located on Van Wagenen street between the periods of April 3 to April 2, 1974.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS

The amount of traffic on Lake Mead Drive wishing to make left turns onto Boulder Highway has increased to the point that "protected" left turns may soon be authorized.

The "authorization" of such left turn arrows is dependent on a specific number of vehicles using the facility. Henderson's Public Works Director Robert Whitney said that the number has increased to the point that it will meet the required standards and he has requested that a survey of the intersection be conducted.

Whitney also stated that signs will soon be placed on major streets within the city indicating the most direct route to our hospital here. These signs will be of great assistance to visitors to our city as well as to new Henderson residents who may not be aware of the exact location of Rose de Lima.

MOBILE HOME PARK HEARING

A public hearing will be held March 21 at 8 p.m. by the city planning commission on the application of Mary E. Roberts, 2100 South Boulder Highway, for a use permit to construct and operate a mobile home park, according to Neil Twitchell, chairman.

The land contains an area of over 14 acres. Interested persons are invited to appear before the city planning commission either in person or by counsel.

Mrs. Roberts is the owner of Rob's motel in that area and several adjacent businesses.

February Building Report

A total of 172 permits were issued by the Henderson Building Department during the month of February, representing a valuation of \$1,077,560.

There were 11 permits issued for new dwellings... all individually applied for... representing a value of \$341,295.

The largest monetary value fell under the heading of "Pools" with a total valuation of \$605,827. The new pool now under construction at Basic High School accounted for \$602,127 of the total.

Some 21 cars were removed from property last month. Officials said they now have more than 60 vehicles in storage that have been removed from properties within the city.

Although the month of February was not "spectacular," Building Superintendent Pat Doherty said it was a "good month... especially for this time of year when things usually slow down."

The month reflected a continuation of growth, according to Doherty, who added that the present month of March is getting off to a good start as well... and holds promise of continuing to reflect the confidence of people in the future of our city.



A 'HOLE' LOT OF ACTIVITY -- Work is well underway on the new swimming pool to be located adjacent to the gymnasium at Basic High School. The pit which will contain the pool itself has been dug and the foundation footings of the building which will encase the new aluminum pool have been poured, giving a viewer an idea of the size of the structure. According to authorities, work is going along on schedule.

