



From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Residents of Heyburn,

As your Mayor, I want to keep our community informed about several important items currently being reviewed by the City Council and city staff regarding our utility services and future infrastructure planning.

First, I want to thank the residents of Heyburn for the pride you take in our community. Whether it is supporting local events, maintaining beautiful neighborhoods, volunteering, or simply being good neighbors, it is the people of Heyburn that make our city such a great place to live and raise a family. Our city continues to grow because of the strong sense of community we share together.

Over the next several months, the City of Heyburn will be conducting a comprehensive utility rate study. This study is designed to evaluate the actual costs associated with providing essential city services such as water, sewer, sanitation, and irrigation. The purpose of the study is to ensure that our utility systems remain financially stable, properly maintained, and capable of meeting the needs of our growing community both now and in the future.

As a result of this review, residents should expect to see modest increases in utility rates in the future. While no one likes rate increases, these adjustments are necessary to keep up with rising operational costs, aging infrastructure, maintenance needs, and long-term improvements that help protect the quality and reliability of city services. Our goal is to make thoughtful and responsible decisions that continue providing residents with dependable services while planning wisely for the future.

One area we are watching especially closely is irrigation. Recently, the City of Heyburn established irrigation as its own separate enterprise fund. This means irrigation services must now fully support themselves financially, rather than relying on support from other city funds. Separating irrigation into its own enterprise fund provides greater transparency and accountability, but it also requires us to carefully evaluate usage, maintenance costs, system improvements, and long-term sustainability. Because of this change, irrigation rates may require additional attention as part of the overall study.

In addition, the City is currently working on a new resolution regarding utility account holders. Under the proposed policy, utility accounts would be required to be maintained in the name of the property owner. The goal of this resolution is to simplify account management, improve consistency, and help protect both the City and residents from unpaid utility balances during property transfers or tenant occupancy changes.

As we move forward, we also remain committed to improving parks, supporting public safety, maintaining quality roads and infrastructure, and continuing to create opportunities that strengthen Heyburn for future generations. We are proud of the progress our city has made and excited about the future ahead.

We understand that any changes involving utilities and rates are important to our residents, and we are committed to being transparent throughout this process. Public input and communication will remain a priority as discussions continue and recommendations are presented to the City Council.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and commitment to our community. Together, we can ensure Heyburn remains financially strong, family-friendly, and prepared for the future.

Sincerely,

Mayor Chad Anderson
City of Heyburn