

Atchison leaders table pending increases

**(KAIR)--The City of Atchison has placed on hold the setting of new rates for water, sewer, and solid waste.**

**That follows Monday's meeting of the Commission where the initial call for a motion regarding the water rates failed to gain a second, leaving the matter on the table for the time being.**

**A key concern, moving forward with the setting of rates, is the impact that an Atchison County voter-approved sales tax, replacing a long-controversial sales tax, will have.**

**Voters in November gave approval to the three-fourths of one percent sales tax, replacing the current sales tax in funding joint communications and solid waste.**

**The .75-percent sales tax will expire in 10-years, as required by state statute, after it takes effect in April.**

**It replaces the 1993 voter approved, countywide sales tax to fund joint communications and solid waste. Years of disagreement followed, with local cities, such as Atchison, questioning their share of apportionment.**

**City Manager Amy Finch told the City Commission Monday the City's final portion will likely come in March.**

**Following her presentation, and discussion was held, it was agreed to by the Commission to table the setting of rates until its next, regular meeting.**

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