No. 21 –

**A RESOLUTION**

 **A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SENOIA, GEORGIA, REVISING WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, IN ORDER TO MEET OPERATIONAL AND DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMBINED PUBLIC UTILITY SYSTEM (WATER AND WASTEWATER) AND TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND SAID SYSTEM IN A SOUND, FEASIBLE AND BUSINESSLIKE MANNER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

 **WHEREAS,** the Code of Senoia authorizes the Mayor and Counsel to establish and maintain user rates, fees and charges for its Combined Public Utility System, consisting of the Water and Wastewater systems of the City and to operate said systems in a sound, feasible and businesslike manner; and

 **WHEREAS,** sound and prudent management of a public utility traditionally requires that rates, fees, and charges be maintained so as to provide a debt coverage ratio of at least 110 percent of the debt service requirement (as defined in the Resolution for issuing City of Senoia Water and Sewer Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, adopted November 1, 2021), plus one hundred percent (100%) of the amounts required to be deposited in such Bond Year into the Debt Service Reserve Account (including the various accounts therein), as applicable, which, based upon annual audit the City is unable to do under its current rate schedule; and

 **WHEREAS**, the City is legally obligated as a condition of incurring debt to operate, maintain, and improve its Combined Public Utilities System to meet the rate covenants in its bond resolution and as set forth in that certain Loan Agreement and Promissory Note, entered with the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority for construction of the Keg Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, annually; and

 **WHEREAS**, the City has retained Raftelis Financial Services to conduct a study of current utility rates and projected debt repayment obligations, existing and proposed, which recommends current rates, fees and charges be increased accordingly;

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR & COUNCIL THAT:**

1. Current rates, fees and charges of the Combined Public Utility System (Water and Wastewater) be increased to meet the recommendation of Raftelis Financial Services, as follows:

“Recommended rate increases for both water and sewer

* + 15.0% for calendar year 2022;
	+ 15.5% for calendar year 2023; and
	+ 3% each year for calendar years 2024-2026”

Said adjusted rates shall be incorporated into a Utility Rate Schedule to be maintained for public inspection and copying in the Office of the City Clerk in City Hall, effective January 1, 2021.

 **RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the new rate schedule be posted immediately on the City’s website.

 **SO RESOLVED, THIS 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.**

 City of Senoia, Georgia

 By:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 William “Dub” Pearman

 Mayor

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Lynn Carter, City Clerk

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