

**APPROVED
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**Public Hearing
Town of Claremont
Claremont Water System Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budget
Minutes
May 28, 2026, at 7:35 pm**

Daryl Graham, Mayor, called the Public Hearing to order to discuss the proposed Claremont Water System Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Present: Sue Gilbert, Louise Hansch, Tom Kent and Paul Mauger.

Citizens present: Troilen Seward, Kathy Guindon, Bill Hall, Janette Bisbee, Norman & JoAnn Wall, Richard & Amanda Norris, Lorna Cornett, Troy Springer, Chad Knowles, Richard & Cheryl Garrett, Johnny Temple, Bryan Reedy, Sophia & Mary Blair Seward, Genny Padgett, Douglas Goodrich, Larry & Celeste DeBause, Sidney Watkins, Bill & Terrie Foster, and JT Terrell

Louise Hansch provided that the biggest change for the water was an increase in income due to the increase in the cost of Sewer. It will show higher revenue and then higher sewer expense.

Daryl Graham asked if there were any further questions. The question was posed as to why sewer and water can't merge together. Louise Hansch provided that the budgets are kept separate because the people on the water system only shouldn't have to pay for the sewer system. Mr. Hollyfield provided that it was a cost-saving move to have one bill go for both water and sewer. After no further discussion, Daryl Graham closed the Public Hearing for the FY 2026-2027 Proposed Water Budget.

*Respectfully submitted,
Laura Crowder, Town Clerk*