

City of Bull Shoals

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To the citizens of Bull Shoals,

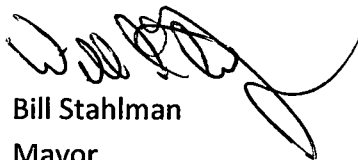
In the interest of clarity and transparency, we are announcing a rate increase in our water, sewer and sanitation charges. The reason behind this is as follows

On November 20, 2014, we signed a contract with Progressive Waste Solutions (now Waste Connections/ Methvin) for the removal of sanitation within the city limits of Bull Shoals, Arkansas. Starting this contract, the rates were \$11.25 plus \$2.50 for each roll out can which equals \$13.75 per month per customer. In 2015, the monthly bill for sanitation started at \$13.85, adding the CPI each year not to exceed 5%. In 2025, the sanitation rate should be \$17.01 per customer according to the CPI. The contract, in full, is on our website (www.cityofbullshoals.org) for those who wish to read it.

As we are only charging \$14.63 per month per customer, we are currently not making enough to cover the contracted cost of city sanitation. This is due to the contract not being followed by previous administrations. To ensure the City has enough to pay Waste Connections/Methvin, it is necessary to increase rates per the contract according to section 8 and 9, which will go into effect on the July water bill.

Also, city council has approved to start taking bids for a sanitation company, due to the contract with Waste Connection/Methvin ending on September 30, 2025.

In closing, we will say this, Everything we do is for the betterment of our beautiful community. We also wish to remain transparent in our operations. To this end, we are posting this announcement as a 'heads up'. We hope you understand, but if you have any questions, please call the office at 870-445-4775.



Bill Stahlman

Mayor

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