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Effective June 1, electric rates will increase for City of Grant residents.

A resolution was passed to raise the rates 7 percent at the recommendation of the power board during the regular meeting of city council on Tuesday, May 8.

The yearly rate review in the spring leads to the annual cost increase to cover the increased cost of power paid by the city in addition to increases in transmission service rates passed along by Nebraska Public Power District, said City Superintendent Tyson McGreer.

Council members touched on discussing a fee for reconnect or disconnect on utilities.

“It’s in the infancy stages of discussion,” said McGreer.

Presently, there is no fee for this service. There is a deposit fee for rentals within city limits, otherwise, no fee is charged to electric customers when service is turned off or on at their request. The issue will be revisited in the future.

Reports for the month of April on water, lottery and enforcement were presented to council during the meeting, along with a presentation by a representative from Coventry Health Insurance.

The short meeting was adjourned following approval of bills and claims.