

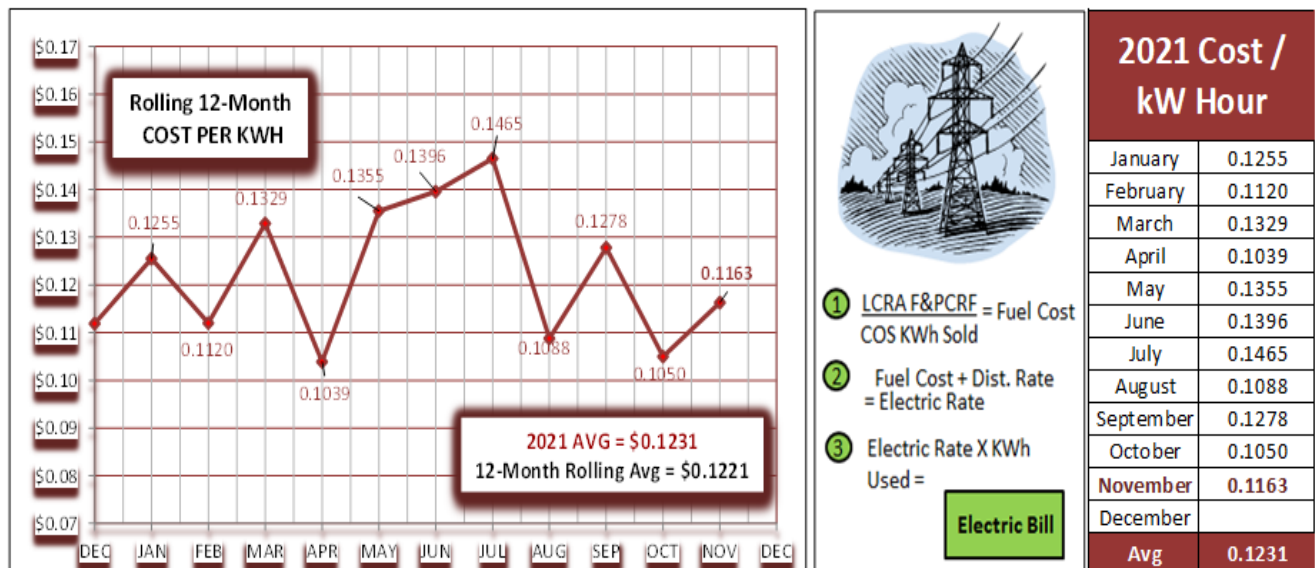
City Manager Update - 11/5/21

Daylight Saving time will end at 2:00 am on **Sunday, November 7, 2021**. Be sure to change your clocks. "Spring Forward – Fall Back". It's also a good time to change out the batteries in your smoke detectors. Most areas of the United States observe daylight saving time, the exceptions being Arizona, Hawaii, and the overseas territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 established the system of uniform daylight savings time throughout the US. Click on the following link for more information → https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time. Whether you are a fan of daylight savings time or not.....I'm looking forward to the extra hour of sleep!

Here is a list of significant accomplishments, events, and activities since my last report:

- 1) Wastewater Rates - Three Month Winter Water Average Begins December 1st** - Wastewater rates in Smithville are set by using a three (3) month "winter" water use average between DECEMBER and FEBRUARY. You can reduce your monthly wastewater (sewer) bill by conserving water during these months. In the event that the monthly water usage for any month is less than the computed "winter water average," the lesser of the two shall be used as the basis for calculating the wastewater bill. Residential customers pay a \$15.00 sewer base rate per month and \$4.00 sewer fee per 1000 gallons of water used. Cut back on water use between December and February and let the savings begin! For a list of all utility rates in Smithville, click on the following link → <https://www.ci.smithville.tx.us/city-departments/utilities/rates/>.
- 2) Residential Cost Per Kilowatt Hour (kWh) Calculated** - An analysis of LCRA billing data was conducted to determine residential cost per kilowatt hour (kWh) in NOVEMBER. LCRA fuel costs vary month to month and are based upon electric utility generation, transmission, line loss, and service fees. The LCRA fuel cost per kWh for November is \$0.06634. This represents a **20.70% INCREASE** in fuel cost compared to October's fuel cost of \$0.05497. Adding City's distribution fee of \$0.0500 and LCRA's \$0.06634 fuel cost, the cost per kWh for residential service in Smithville during NOVEMBER will be \$0.11634 per kWh. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of Texas has published cold weather energy-savings tips → <https://www.puc.texas.gov/consumer/facts/Save.aspx>. Below you will find a "rolling" 12-month residential cost per kWh and a fuel cost comparison chart. On average, the cost per kWh for residential electric service in Smithville is between 12-13 cents.

City of Smithville Residential Cost Per kWh – NOVEMBER 2021



Note: LCRA Fuel & Power Cost Recovery Factor + City Distribution Fee* (\$0.0500) = Cost / kWh

*Residential Distribution Fee = \$0.500/kWh. Non-Resident (i.e., service outside city limit) Distribution Fee = \$0.650/kWh Effective October 1, 2019

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There are several events / activities planned this weekend and the next few weeks in Smithville:

The November **City Council Meeting** is scheduled for 6:00 pm **Monday, November 8, 2021** at City Hall.

The Smithville-Crawford Municipal Airport Advisory Board (AAB) will meet on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021** in the Pilot's Lounge at 6:00 pm.

City Hall will be closed **Thursday, November 11, 2021** in observance of **Veteran's Day**. City Hall hours will be 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The Smithville PD **Blue Santa Kick-Off Mixer** is scheduled for **Thursday, November 18, 2021** at First National Bank (312 Main Street) from 5pm-7pm. Indoor/Outdoor Come and Go Mixer, masks recommended. Cash/Check donations only. NO TOYS PLEASE.

The First United Methodist Church (FUMC) will be hosting their **Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for City Employees** on **Thursday, November 18, 2021** from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Turkey, dressing, and all the fixings (including homemade desserts) will be prepared and served in the Fellowship Hall or "TO GO" in appreciation to all City employees. Councilmembers are also invited to attend and/or pick-up a to-go plate. Special thanks to Pastor Cindy Layton and the FUMC as they sponsored this event for over a decade and the City is truly thankful for their effort(s).

Below you will find the City of Smithville Holiday schedule. This information will be communicated on our City website, Facebook Page, and inside the November / December Utility Bill in the message section. In addition, we will post notices on the doors of City Hall one week in advance of the scheduled Holiday.

THANKSGIVING:

- Wednesday, November 24th – (Close at Noon)
- Thursday, November 25th – Holiday
- Friday, November 26th - Holiday

CHRISTMAS:

- Thursday, December 23rd – (Close at Noon)
- Friday, December 24th – Holiday
- Monday, December 27th – Holiday

NEW YEARS:

- Friday, January 3rd – Holiday

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Have a great weekend, a Happy Thanksgiving, and be sure to THANK a Veteran for their service!

--- Robert ---

