

CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO
COST OF CLEAN DRINKABLE WATER



Water Source



Treatment Plant



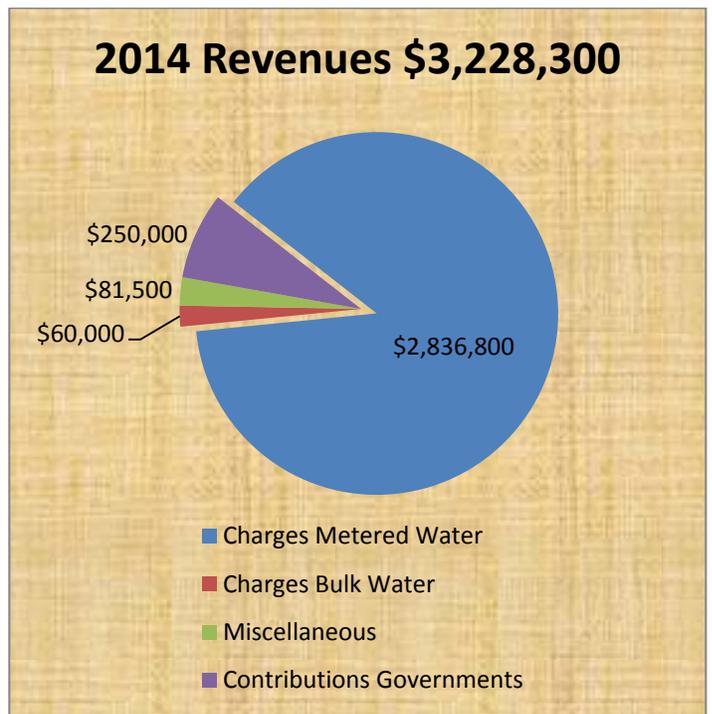
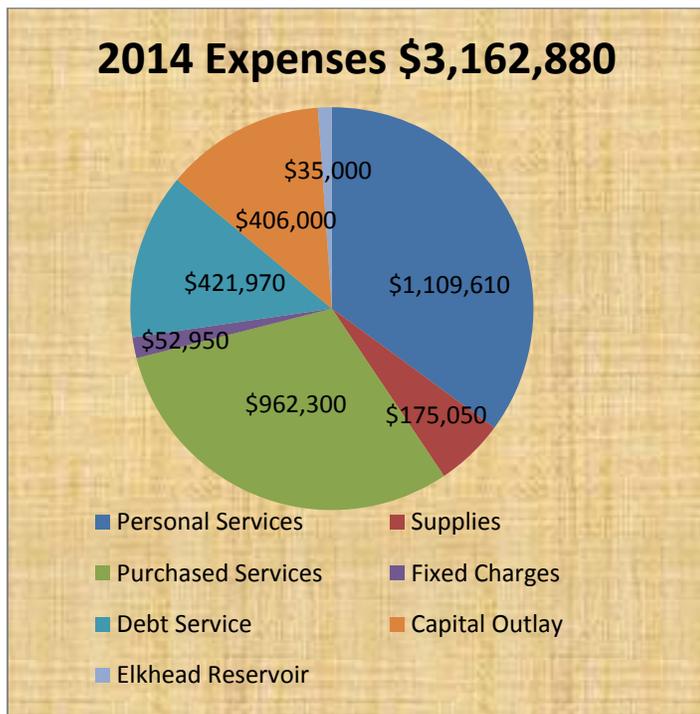
Storage & Distribution

Source of Water: City has water rights to draw water out of the Yampa River and water stored behind the Elkhead Reservoir.

Water Treatment Plant: Because the water from the Yampa River and Elkhead Reservoir is not safe to drink, the City has to clean and purify the water to provide safe drinking water.

Water Distribution: Once the City has produced safe drinking water, this water has to get to the customers through water distribution lines and storage tanks.

SO, the process to provide clean and purified water related to the above is an ongoing COST to the City and its customers.



Water Rates paid by the Customers provide the necessary funds to pay for the clean drinkable water that is distributed to them.

So, where does all the money from Water Rates go?

The following list is a brief summary of related costs:

Source of Water:

- Cost of original Water Rights
- Cost of building and maintaining an intake structure in the river to the plant
- Cost of building and maintaining the Elkhead Reservoir

Water Treatment Plant:

- Cost of building and maintaining a \$12,000,000 plant
- Cost of chemical and treatment of the 675 million gallons of raw water
- Cost of supplies and services to operate the plant
- Cost of electricity and gas to run the plant

Water Distribution:

- Cost of maintaining the 70 miles of water lines
- Cost of equipment and supplies to maintain the system
- Cost of maintaining the 8 storage tanks

Water Quality Requirements:

- Cost of meeting the Colorado Department of Public Health Regulations
- Cost of meeting the Federal Clean Water Act

All of the money received from the Customers that is generated through the Water Rates goes to pay for all these things to provide the customer with clean drinkable water.

Average Cost of ONE 20oz. Bottle of WATER

A Bottle of Name Brand Water



\$1.07

A Bottle of City of Craig Water



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So, you can get

1,370 bottles of City Water for a \$1.07