# Lewisville Electric Utility

Reasons Why Rates Need to Be Increased

1. The Electric Utility is losing money. The Utility lost over $13,000 in 2013 and has lost over $30,000 in 2014.

2. The Electric Utility last raised its rates and charges in 2005 – over 9 years ago.

3. The Electric Utility is aging and needs to build up reserves for repairs so it can continue to provide reliable service to its customers.

4. The Electric Utility's operating balance is under $5,000 – a dangerously low level for a utility that spends over $24,000 each month.

5. The Electric Utility is losing customers. From January 2013 to July 2014, the utility lost 26 customers – over 10% of its customer base.

6. Everything costs more over time. The costs of materials, supplies, insurance, fuel and power have all risen over the last 9 years.

7. It takes time to increase rates and charges. The Electric Utility started the rate evaluation/increase process at the end of August of this year. The Electric Utility's customers will not see the increased rates on their bills until February 2015.

The Town Council does not want to raise the Electric Utility's rates and charges any more than the residents want those rates increased. However, the Council cannot let the utility run out of money and not be able to operate. The Town Council pays the same electric rates as all other Town residents.

The Town Council has prepared a handout on "Tips and Techniques to Save Energy". Following these tips and techniques can save energy and lower your monthly electric bills. The free handout is available from the Clerk-Treasurer's office during normal business hours.