

## WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

February 12, 2015

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Aldermen Dorchinecz  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Vota  
Alderman Budd

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Heberling  
Airport Manager Newberry  
Rocky Moore

Superintendent Speagle  
Treasurer Nation  
Superintendent Jackson  
Mike Coady  
Bev Morrison

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Superintendent Speagle presented the Monthly Status report noting there were 403 shutoff notices mailed resulting in 39 shutoffs.

### CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL POLICY

Superintendent Speagle informed the Committee that for the past several Engineering Evaluations the EPA has written us a Deficiencies Notice for not having an active Cross Connection Control Policy. This is a requirement which we must correct and he feels if we do not proceed, the City will likely receive an actual violation and dictation of a resolution. He is proposing the City use an outside source to monitor and track instances and inspections of backflow devices within our system. It will require sending out questionnaires to every residence and business we serve and they will be required to submit them back for evaluation. Most will not require any work but some will be required to have a Cross Connection Control Device Inspector check for deficiencies in their residence to confirm the device is isolated where their home and our system are protected from potential backflow.

He has contacted three companies and feels Aquabackflow is the least expensive. They offer two programs.

**Base Program** of \$360.00 per year to track all devices and send out letters for inspection, with a cost of \$9.95 per device for inspection and date entry to the owner.

**Option 1(a)** is \$398.00 per year to track all devices and send out letters for inspection with each device to be inspected at the owners cost and data entered into Aquabackflow's site up to 40 devices and any device after that billed to the City at a cost of \$9.95 per device. Approximately 6,000 surveys would be mailed biennially with the template by Aquabackflow, printed and stuffed and mailed by the City and tracked by Aqua at \$1.00 each.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to enter into Option 1(a) with Aquabackflow for a 3 year Cross Connection Control Program with the City mailing the notices including a return postage prepaid envelope for return of each survey if we are only billed if that envelope is used. Motion carried 4-0.

## **ANIONIC FEED PUMP**

Superintendent Speagle will address this issue at a later date.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### New Water Plant

Superintendent Speagle has visited several water plants with Benton and Associates looking at their systems. They plan to tour more plants that have some of the same processes/components that we are considering.

### S. Wyandotte Street Water Main Replacement

This will be in the upcoming budget.

## **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

### Water Bill-1107 Roosevelt Road

Treasurer Nation informed the Committee that the high water bill issue at 1107 Roosevelt Road has been resolved. It was found that the meter register and base did not match, thus causing the problems. The Marburgers have been credited \$300.00 and are satisfied. Measures have been put in place by the Water Department where this will not happen again.

### Water Service

Superintendent Speagle received a letter from Benton & Associates Engineering regarding installation of rural water by SNAWS (Sharpsburg and Neighboring Area Water Service) in areas adjacent to and on City owned property. They are asking to serve the areas and would like a written reply stating our position.

### Owaneco Sewage Issue

Chairman Dorchinecz is waiting to hear from Reggie Benton regarding the Owaneco Sewage Issue.

### Generating Revenue

Chairman Dorchinecz spoke on several issues that the Committee has addressed in the past to raise revenue, but have not followed through with. Included were annexing Bertinetti, the Prison and Ahlstroms, and raising the Utility Tax. He asked members present to think and bring ideas to the next meeting.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

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Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman