

## WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

March 12, 2015

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Vota  
Alderman Budd

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton  
Treasurer Nation  
Marlin Brune  
Alderman Burtle  
Rocky Moore  
Shirley Sams  
Ed Salisbury

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 7:53 P.M.

### MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Chairman Dorchinecz presented the Monthly Status report noting the percentage of Lake Taylorville water vs. Well water pumped this month was 23% Lake Taylorville water and 77% Well water. There were 370 shutoff notices mailed resulting in 39 shutoffs.

### ANNEXATION ISSUES

There was a lengthy discussion regarding which Committee the annexations should be handled. Alderman Budd stated annexations have been handled by the Water Committee since he has been on the Council. During the discussion it was noted that there was motion voted on by Council to send annexations to the Water Committee. Chairman Dorchinecz stated he didn't have a problem with them going to the Finance Committee, that he put it on this month because he wanted the Committee to discuss annexations as a way to raise revenue for a revenue source to be used for more Police Officers and other City Departments as positions have not all been replaced upon retirements and the City has to find a revenue for the 30" Northeast Sewer Line. Alderman Vota stated if he is using annexations as a way to raise revenue it should be directed to the Finance Committee. Alderman Budd, Chairman of the Finance Committee advised he will place this issue on the next Finance Committee Agenda which is March 19<sup>th</sup>. Some members of the Committee stated the 'Hole in the Doughnut' should be annexed as they are receiving City Services and not paying City taxes.

Ed Salisbury, Trustee for May Township was present to discuss the wording of the Public Hearings that are put in the Breeze Courier for Water Annexations. He stated each time the City places the Public Hearings for the Water Annexations in the paper he receives calls. He was informed the residents that are involved in the Water Annexations receive a notice to attend the meetings, so they are aware it is for Water Annexation only. Mr. Salisbury stated they know the purpose of the meeting but he receives calls from 260 families that think the notice is to annex them in as the notice does not have Water Annexations listed; it just has Annexations. He also made a suggestion to be more specific on the Agenda's rather than having annexations as an agenda item list the specific area that will be discussed; had he known what was being discussed in this meeting he wouldn't have attended.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Chairman Dorchinecz presented the Superintendent's Report.

- Superintendent Speagle and Benton and Associates have been visiting other water plants to look at the systems in place
- AMR-Automated Meter Reading- He is continuing the change out program concentrating on meter wells. They have over 2,890 AMR's in the system currently.
- He is planning to have the S. Wyandotte St. water main replacement done during this fiscal year.

## **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Chairman Dorchinecz was asked if he has received any information on the Owaneco Sewage issue; he has not, he is waiting to hear from Reggie Benton on this issue.

Alderman Walters advised Treasurer Nation sent a letter to the Taylorville Sanitary District informing them due to their payment increases the card stock for billing cannot be used. The cost for the cards was over \$3,000.00; she received a check in the amount of \$3,185.52 for reimbursement to the City.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Walters to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

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Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman  
Water/Environmental Committee