

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

April 8, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aldermen Dorchinecz
Alderman Walters
Alderman Vota
Alderman Budd

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Jones
Airport Manager Newberry
Bev Morrison
Superintendent Speagle
Treasurer Nation
Superintendent Jackson
Mike Walter

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

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

The Monthly Status report showed 77% of Well Water was used compared to 23% of Lake Taylorville Water this past month. There were 412 shutoff notices mailed resulting in 29 shutoffs. Superintendent Speagle reported that Clarifier #1 was down on March 18th for maintenance.

FY 2015/2016 WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to forward the FY2015/2016 Water Budget to the Finance Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

FY2015/2016 LAB FEE

Superintendent Speagle would like to postpone the Lab Fee issue until a later date as he is awaiting pricing from EPA.

SERVICE LINE MATERIALS BID

Three bids were received for Service Line Materials.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to accept the low bid of \$20,028.50 from IMCO for Service Line Materials. Motion carried 4-0.

ANNEXATION ISSUES

Chairman Dorchinecz informed the Committee that Annexation Issues will be on all Water Department Agenda's for any issue that may need discussion.

Alderman Budd had talked to the Mayor of Jacksonville about revenue from their Prison, which was built inside City limits. They do generate revenue from sale of water. If we annexed the prison we would receive Telecommunication Tax, Utility Tax and Per Capita. We would not receive MFT Funds.

It was noted that the Mayor and City Attorney were directed to contact the Governor's Office regarding annexation of the Prison. Mayor Brotherton informed the Committee that Representative Davis is setting up a meeting to discuss the Prison issues.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

New Plant

Benton and Associates and Superintendent Speagle have toured several water plants that have some of the same processes/components that we are contemplating. He feels we may bid the project in January of next year and start construction soon after.

Cross Connection Control

Superintendent Speagle has been in contact with AquaBackflow and is acquiring data for them. He has sent an update on acquiring a contract with them to the EPA to show we are working on the cross connection control program.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Owaneco Sewage Issue

Chairman Dorchinecz reported that Reggie Benton with Benton and Associates feels we should not have concerns with the Owaneco Sewage Issue as we are handling it properly now. The new plant will also handle it.

Taylorville Sanitary District – CAMP-CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Treasurer Nation told the Committee that her staff has had many questions and complaints about the Sanitary District's new \$5.00 Capital Asset Management Plan (CAMP) Fee placed on the water bills. She stated they are giving a handout with the Sanitary District's number and the board members and plant manager's home phone numbers. It was noted that the Sanitary District has also initiated an annual 3% increase in the sewer rates. That means that this increase is actually compounded each year.

Verizon Antenna

Verizon is offering a \$5,000.00 up-front fee for our attorney and engineering costs. Their offer is \$10,800.00 per year paid monthly. Superintendent Speagle feels a \$1,500.00 per month fee along with the \$5,000.00 up front fee would be better. He is not comfortable with their plans to perforate the tank and drill holes in the tower to place their antennas.

On-line Payments

Treasurer Nation has had many requests for the Water Collection Department to take on-line water payments. She has contacted two companies and Incode (the City's software service) for costs. Customers could opt out of paper billing, which would save the City money.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Walters to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman