

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

May 14, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aldermen Dorchinecz  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton  
Alderman Burtle  
Treasurer Nation

Superintendent Speagle  
Alderman Moore  
Bev Morrison

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Budd

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 7:22 P.M.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

The Monthly Status report shows 23% of Lake Taylorville Water was used compared to 77% of Well Water this past month. There were 303 shutoff notices mailed resulting in 50 shutoffs.

2015/2016 LAB FEE PROGRAM

Quotes were received from PDC and IEPA for Lab testing for July 2015 through June 2016. Superintendent Speagle noted that prices for sampling changes each year due to the type and amount of samples required by the EPA and the actual cost can be somewhat higher depending on repeat sampling, etc. Other non-required samples will also be taken this year which is not included in the bids. A certified outside lab will be used for those samplings.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to accept the low bid of \$10,664.00 from PDC Laboratories for Lab Testing Fees for the 2015/2016 Year. Motion carried 3-0.

WATER QUALITY REPORT PRINTING COST

Two quotes were received for printing of the yearly Water Quality Report as mandated by the IEPA. Superintendent Speagle said that printing costs were down the past several years but with the addition of UCMR data we are into 5 sheets which adds another page.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to accept the low quote of \$996.70 from P S Printing for printing of the yearly Water Quality Report. Motion carried 3-0.

VERIZON CONTRACT

Superintendent Speagle presented a revised agreement with Verizon Wireless for placing antennas on the City High School Water Tower. He stated at last month's meeting that the price per month had gone up from \$980.00 to \$1,500.00. Superintendent Speagle has countered to \$2,000.00 per month. CB&I, who put up the new tower will also review any proposed changes to the tower to allow for installation. He stated there are still many changes to be made and

asked the Committee along with Alderman Burtle and Alderman Moore to look it over and get concerns to Superintendent Speagle by Monday so he can give them to City Attorney Romano.

### **GPS/GIS MAPPING-BENTON & ASSOCIATES**

Superintendent Speagle spoke to Benton & Associates concerning having corrections and additions done to our mapping system. Approximately 170 items need changed. Hand corrections were made to our maps several years ago and this copy will be used to make corrections. Simultaneously we will be switching from “Autocad” to GIS, which can be used in the field through hand held devices. Benton & Associates estimate \$10,000.00 to make the corrections and the GIS conversion, if we utilize their summer interns. Superintendent Speagle has previewed the work of some of the interns done last summer and feels it was done well. He feels this will make the map extremely more representative and efficient and very time saving in case of an emergency.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to contract Benton & Associates to make the necessary additions and correction to the mapping system and the GIS conversion using their summer interns at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

### **ANNEXATION ISSUES**

Mayor Brotherton informed the Committee that he had a call from the Governor’s Office concerning the City’s quest to annex the Prison. We now have a contact at the Governor’s Office.

### **WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

#### **New Plant**

Superintendent Speagle and Benton & Associates may be going to tour more plants that have some of the processes/components that the City is contemplating.

#### **Cross Connection Control**

AquaBackflow is in the process of sending out letters to the Cross Connection Control Device Inspectors (CCDDI) in the area and advising them of the online submittal for inspection forms. The City Treasurer has provided a sample of the user data that AquaBackflow is to use to send out surveys for citizens to fill out.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

#### **T-6 Broadband**

The City has learned that T-6 Broadband, who have antennas on the water towers, will become Rise Broadband. This is a violation of the contract. Attorney Romano will be contacting them regarding legal fees for updating the contract.

#### **Internship**

Superintendent Speagle has been approached by an individual requesting to do an Internship with the Water Department. He feels this will be beneficial for the City. The matter will be forwarded to the City Attorney.

Infrastructure meeting

Mayor Brotherton and Superintendent Speagle met with U.S. Representative Rodney Davis and State Representative Avery Bourne on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, to discuss a variety of issues including possible funding for the new water plant and the proposed 30” sanitary sewer line. The Mayor discussed the annexation of the prison with them and asked for their help. The Mayor stated that he had already received a follow-up phone call from an employee in Governor Rauner’s office. Supt. Speagle discussed HB 3323 – “**IEPA Rulemaking Authority for Corrosion Prevention Work**” which has recently been assigned to the *Senate Labor Committee* and *how detrimental it would be to both municipalities and summer employees as many tasks would not be able to be funded due to increased costs.*

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Walters to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman