

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

October 8, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aldermen Dorchinecz
Alderman Walters
Alderman Budd
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Alderman Moore
Treasurer Nation
Barb Anderson
Jerry Jordan
Marlin Brune
Airport Manager Newberry

Superintendent Speagle
Alderman Burtle
Reggie Benton
Jamie Headen
J. C. Olive
Superintendent Jackson
Bev Morrison

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

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Superintendent Speagle presented the Monthly Status report for October which shows 19% of Lake Taylorville Water was used compared to 81% of Well Water. There were 410 shutoff notices mailed resulting in 29 shutoffs. Hydrant flushing so far for the year has used 2,150,842 gallons of water.

PLANT DESIGN PROGRESS REPORT-BENTON & ASSOCIATES

Reggie Benton, President of Benton & Associates, Jamie Headen of Benton & Associates and Lead Architect Barb Anderson of Oates & Associates gave a presentation on the structure and layout, form and function of the new Water Treatment Plant. They stated it is multiple buildings in one complex, including areas for administration, shop, processing, treatment, training and education. The City will eventually decide if they want a block building (4-5 times more expensive), metal skin or a combination of each. Special material will be used to allow for natural lighting. The building should last 30 to 50 years with appropriate maintenance and there is room to install additional treatment processes or capacity if needed. Landscaping was discussed as far as utilizing berms and evergreens to diffuse the view of neighboring properties.

Jamie Headen spoke of the project schedule. He is trying to get clarification on a 2016 IEPA Low Interest Loan with Principal Forgiveness. Possible consideration in this would be population, household income, unemployment rate and population decrease. He stated if we are considering the principal forgiveness for the 30 inch sewer line and the new plant, we may only be eligible for one. There is also a possibility we could get reduced interest rates.

A Project Schedule & Implementation timeline was presented. Reggie Benton stated that they could have another presentation at a City Council Meeting when plans are closer to completion.

ANNEXATION ISSUES

Chairman Dorchinecz stated the City Attorney will be looking at different industrial rates.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Cross Connection Control

Letters have been sent out to owners of backflow preventers in the area advising them their device needs inspection. Only one area plumber has signed up to submit data online.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

SNAWS

Chairman Dorchinecz advised that Dick Breckenridge (inside City Limits) would like to get City water but it is too expensive for the City to run water to that area. Mr. Breckenridge is considering SNAWS. City Attorney Romano has been asked to review this request.

Alderman Vota noted that he would like to get water to the Boyd Dappert Youth Reservation. There is another Co-Op in the area. Would that be a possibility?

At some point when we get enough AMRS installed we will be going to monthly billings. It was noted that the Sanitary District rates will go up 3% per year for 19 years.

The City bills the Sanitary District \$5,000.00 per month for doing their billing. If the City increased our rates, the Sanitary District would probably just pass that increase on to their sanitary fees.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman