

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
November 12, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aldermen Dorchinecz  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Budd  
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton  
Alderman Moore  
Owen Lasswell  
Bev Morrison

Superintendent Speagle  
Alderman Heberling  
Treasurer Nation  
Pam Peabody\*

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 7:19 P.M.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Superintendent Speagle reported there were 385 shutoff notices mailed resulting in 52 shutoffs.

WELL FIELD DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY

Superintendent Speagle presented a proposal from Layne Christensen Company for Phase 1 of the processing to determine if and where we can locate two new wells in conjunction with a new plant. He had anticipated this phase going through the Illinois State Water Survey for approximately \$5,000.00 but they have not responded to our requests. As to not hold up the process and funding phase he and Benton & Associates would like for us to contract Layne to process this portion for a price of \$13,200.00. This was included in the design budget under pilot studies.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to enter into an agreement with Layne to complete Phase 1, which is Aquifer Testing with existing wells at a cost of \$13,200.00. Motion carried 4-0.

\*City Clerk Peabody arrived at 7:30 P.M.

AMEND INDUSTRIAL WATER RATE CRITERIA

Chairman Dorchinecz presented copies of a letter from then City Attorney Broverman, dated November 2, 1990, stating that for two years the Department of Corrections would receive free water from the City of Taylorville. Thereafter the prison would pay outside the City rates because the prison is outside the City and that annexation to the City would give immediate reduction of water rates.

Their current average monthly cost outside the City is \$12,907.02. Chairman Dorchinecz figured a new calculation for average monthly cost outside the City at a Non Industrial Rate of \$48,353.29. He stated we have tried to contact several Governors (current and former) to annex the Prison, but received no reply. He would like to amend the definition of Industrial Users. He proposed the following motion.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to change the definition of Industrial User and begin billing the Prison at their new water rate which is the same as an outside the City Limit Non Industrial User. The recommended change for the definition is as follows “Industrial User: Any Entity whose monthly use of City water averages (over each preceding 6 month period) at least 1,000,000 cubic feet of water which equates to 7,501,876 gallons of water” effective the start of the State’s new fiscal year.

Mayor Brotherton asked how this compared with other prisons. Several Aldermen stated the City needs these prison jobs.

Superintendent Speagle stated his concerns as we will soon be asking the State for a low interest loan for the water plant, and we have Phase 5 Ward II improvements and the 30” Storm Sewer funding in the works.

Motion tied 2-2 with Aldermen Dorchinecz and Walters voting yes.

### **ANNEXATION ISSUES**

Chairman Dorchinecz informed the Committee that the City Attorney has prepared one set of Annexation Agreement Documents that can be used for both contiguous properties and non-contiguous properties.

City Clerk Pam Peabody presented figures for all elements needed to annex a property into the City. An estimate of \$515.00 was presented for one Annexation Agreement.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to accept the proposed Annexation Agreement Documents for City Water and/or Sewer Services and to charge a fee of \$200.00 for both contiguous properties and non-contiguous properties. The water connection fee is an additional \$60.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATES**

Superintendent Speagle presented an update on the new water plant explaining that he met on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. with Benton & Associates concerning HVAC, chemical feed, plumbing fixtures and door access and other items. He presented an example of the metal that will be used on the roof and could be used on the walls.

He explained that the Illinois Pollution Control Board has revised the fluoride rule lowering the level from 1.0 to 0.7. At this time we have not been advised when to initiate the lowering or what the actual range may be.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Walters to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman