

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
December 10, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aldermen Dorchinecz
Alderman Vota
Alderman Budd

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Alderman Burtle
Airport Manager Newberry
Dave Langen
Bev Morrison

Superintendent Speagle
Alderman Moore
Treasurer Nation
Owen Lasswell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Walters

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

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Superintendent Speagle reported that 13% of Lake Taylorville Water was used compared to 87% Well Water. There were 443 shutoff notices mailed resulting in 42 shutoffs.

OWANECO WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT

The water rate for the Village of Owaneco needs to be adjusted every two years as per the Intergovernmental Agreement (60 year contract ending June 1, 2030). According to our latest City Audit the maximum allowable rate should be decreased from \$5.0021328 per 1,000 gallons of water to \$3.7387838 per 1,000 gallons of water. The agreements allow for the rates to be adjusted every two years with 45 day written notice. With this agreement we cannot count any new capital but rather cost of production plus 10%.

Aldermen noted that the City of Taylorville residents are facing rate increases while due to the contract signed 60 years ago, the Village of Owaneco will see a decrease therefore no new capital will go towards the new plant. Chairman Dorchinecz suggested we pass a motion but have Dave Speagle review the cost of production with the City's auditors to ensure the Cost of Production was calculated correctly. We also will ask the City Attorney to review the contract to determine the validity of the water rate calculation.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to decrease the maximum allowable rate for the Village of Owaneco from \$5.0221328 per 1,000 gallons of water to \$3.7387838 per 1,000 gallons of water upon review by Superintendent Speagle and the City's Auditors. Motion carried 3-0.

ASTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS/DESIGN TO WATER PLANT

Superintendent Speagle asked for the Committee's consideration and direction of several items regarding plant design.

The first issue was whether to have angled face (\$30,000 higher) or plumb face of the entryway to the administrative area in the plant.

The second issue deals with the Committee's request for more block on the front or south exposure of the building which would be a projected cost increase of \$30,000 - \$40,000. Committee Members have assured residents they will do their best to have the buildings appearance fit with the residential area.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to use the plumb face for the entryway to the administrative area in the plant at an estimated \$30,000 cost decrease and add more block (two colors to be decided later) on the front or south exposure of the building with a projected cost increase of \$30,000 - \$40,000. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVE BOND COUNSEL FOR WATER PLANT LOAN

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct Superintendent Speagle to contact Mike Southworth of Hart, Southworth & Witsman for Bond Counsel for the New Water Plant. Motion carried 3-0.

AWARD CHEMICAL BIDS FOR 2016

Superintendent Speagle reported that since no bids were received for CO₂ he will rebid.

Liquid Aluminum Sulfate

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to accept the low bid of \$387.89 per dry ton from Chemtrade Chemicals for Liquid Aluminum Sulfate. Motion carried 3-0.

Liquid Chlorine (1-ton Cylinders)

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to accept the low bid of \$504.00 per ton from Brenntag Mid South for Liquid Chlorine (1-ton Cylinders). Motion carried 3-0.

Carbon (Hydro Darco B)

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to accept the low bid of \$0.094 per pound from Brenntag Mid South for Carbon (Hydro Darco B). Motion carried 3-0.

Hydrofluosilicic Acid 23%

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to accept the low bid of \$0.398 per pound from Brenntag Mid South for Hydrofluosilicic Acid 23%. Motion carried 3-0.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

New Plant

Superintendent Speagle stated that Benton & Associates will be sending the construction drawings for the New Water Plant to the EPA.

South Wyandotte Street Water Main Replacement

Materials will be bid in January for the South Wyandotte Street Water Main Replacement.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Water Department Issues

Treasurer Nation was asked by a Property Manager if the City would decrease a water bill for a property owner when a tenant who was issued an Eviction Notice intentionally damaged the property driving up the water bill to \$472.00. Committee Members feel this is a civil matter.

Treasurer Nation was asked if the City could place a penalty on the State's (prison) account. Superintendent Speagle stated a 1 ½% late fee could be charged by State Statute. Mayor Brotherton stated we would only be billing ourselves.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman