

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

April 14, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aldermen Dorchinecz
Alderman Walters
Alderman Budd
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Attorney Romano
Alderman Jones
Alvin Mizeur
Chris & Shauntay Conrad
Bev Morrison

Superintendent Speagle
Alderman Burtle
Treasurer Nation
Owen Lasswell
Quinn Broverman

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

It was reported that 18% of Lake Taylorville Water was used compared to 82% of Well Water for the month of March. Superintendent Speagle noted there were 417 shutoff notices mailed resulting in 38 shutoffs.

VILLAGE OF OWANECO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Owaneco Village Mayor Alvin Mizeur and Attorney Quinn Broverman were present to discuss the Owaneco Water Rate Adjustment as City Attorney Romano has researched the 60 year contract with Owaneco signed in 1970 and has found that it is void as it is in violation of the State Statutes.

He also explained that the City is building a new 30 million dollar Water Plant and it is not fair to City of Taylorville Residents to be paying more for water than communities buying water from Taylorville. The City Attorney recommended the City renegotiate rates under the current contract and also look at the Kincaid and Langleyville contracts. All members agreed.

Superintendent Speagle stated all three contracts should be the same. Mayor Mizeur stated the Village is also looking elsewhere to purchase water. Owaneco will pay the current rate-not the suggested May rate change.

BILL ADJUSTMENT-728 W VINE

Chris Conrad, who rents the property at 728 W. Vine Street, is requesting an adjustment of his water bill for the two month period due April 15th. He stated that he was out of town for most of that time and came back to a high water bill. There was a 69 hour spike with over 200 gallons per hour used. There was no water damage inside and the Water Department has checked and feel there is no leak. It is felt that someone could have used the outside faucet but there was no signs of that great volume of water on the outside either. Vandalism or theft of water is considered. Superintendent Speagle will have the meter checked.

Even though the high water usage is unexplained, Mayor Brotherton cautioned the decision of adjusting the water bill for one individual as others will request the same.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to reduce the water bill for Chris Conrad at 728 W. Vine by \$100.00. The issue of sewer fees was noted.

Amended Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Treasurer to take 1800 gallons of water usage off of the water bill of Chris Conrad at 728 W. Vine Street. Motion carried 4-0.

FY2016/2017 WATER BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to forward the FY2016/2017 Water Budget to the Finance Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

AWARD HYDRANT BIDS

Two bids were received for 18 Fire Hydrants and Valves for the Water Department.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to accept the lowest qualifying bid of \$40,061.58 from IMCO Utility Supply for Fire Hydrant & Valves for the Water Department. Motion carried 4-0.

PURCHASE MOWER

Superintendent Speagle would like to purchase a riding mower for mowing the Water Treatment Plant, Water Towers and other locations. He received three quotes for a zero turn mower with a 60" deck and a diesel motor with Jenner Ag being the low quote.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to allow Superintendent Speagle to purchase a Kubota ZD1211-60 from Jenner Ag for a price not to exceed \$12,520.00. Motion carried 4-0.

KINCAID BOOSTER REPAIR

A generator that services the Kincaid Booster Station needs a radiator replaced that has been seeping for several years but is now actively leaking. The cost quoted for materials and labor is \$3,074.30. Superintendent Speagle feels there is too much labor included in the quote, so he informed them that we will be paying time and materials and will be monitoring the time needed.

The transfer switch controller is also in need of replacing as they have been switching the gear manually, which causes stress on some of the rails and is somewhat dangerous when an employee has to open and manually transfer switchgear in an open cabinet.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to approve the quote from Altorfer CAT not to exceed \$3,074.30 to replace the radiator for the Kincaid Booster Station. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the quote from Altorfer CAT not to exceed \$4,328.25 to replace the Transfer Switch Controller at the Kincaid Booster Station. Motion carried 4-0.

AWWA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The American Water Works (AWWA) National Conference is being held in Chicago on Sunday, June 19th through Wednesday, June 22, 2016. Cost for the conference is \$995.00 with the cheapest hotel being \$200.00 per night before taxes. Superintendent Speagle stated there are a number of talks scheduled that are directly related to the type of treatment techniques and equipment that we will be utilizing. He would like to attend the sessions and feels it would be very beneficial to the City.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to allow Superintendent Speagle to attend the American Water Works National Conference in Chicago June 19 through June 22, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

LAB TESTING FEES

Lab Testing Fees will not be addressed at this time.

GUILLOTINE CUTTER & VALVE EXERCISE TRAILER

Superintendent Speagle received two quotes to purchase a Diamond Wire Guillotine cutter, Liner, drive wheels, diamond loop wire, and hydraulic hose set to allow us to be able to safely cut 4” to 16” ductile iron pipe. The method they now use is not the safest.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to purchase from E.H. Wachs the following:

Guillotine cutter	\$ 9,995.00
Liner, Drive Wheel	125.00
Diamond Loop Assembly	745.00
Standard LX-VMT, Diesel valve maintenance trailer, GPS Pathfinder pro 6H, pavement breaker, Breaker mount, asphalt cutter for breaker, Moil point for breaker and chisel for breaker:	<u>\$74,482.83</u>
Total Price	\$86,514.83

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW TREATMENT PLANT SIGN

Several Aldermen have given input as to the sign style for the New Treatment Plant. So far, a low profile, lighted sign is the preference. Alderman Budd suggested using the same two tones of brick as on the face of the plant. Superintendent Speagle will gather pictures or drawings for the City Council to choose from.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

New Plant

Superintendent Speagle informed the Committee that we are continuing with final design items including easements for a well line on Woodbine, lake chemical feed station and well field development.

The Phase 1 Archeological Survey done by the U of I as part of the IHPA (Illinois Historical Preservation Act) has caused a delay in the bidding process. Some sherds were found causing the U of I to recommend a Phase II Study. We are contesting the decision.

Cross Connection Control

Superintendent Speagle stated he would be sending out letters to **ALL** residents in the near future. Prior to that he will send out a press release and have conversations/interviews with all media outlets to eliminate any confusion or concerns.

SNAWS

City Attorney Romano has been working with SNAWS attorney refining the agreement.

East Main Cross Project

We are acquiring bids in an attempt to bore the majority of the project as we will be installing in the existing roadway in the West bound lane.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Treasurer Nation informed the Committee that she received \$37,714.18 on the prison bill today, leaving a balance due of \$262,081.64.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Walters to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman