

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
May 12, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aldermen Dorchinecz
Alderman Walters
Alderman Budd
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Alderman Moore
Alderman Burtle
Alvin Mizeur
Shirley Sams
Robert Steiner
Ed Downs

Superintendent Speagle
Treasurer Nation
Shirley Sams
Owen Lasswell
Marylee Raser
Rick Peters
Eric Adams

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

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

It was reported that 15% of Lake Taylorville Water was used compared to 85% of Well Water for the month of April. Superintendent Speagle noted there were 340 shutoff notices mailed resulting in 40 shutoffs.

VILLAGE OF OWANECO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Chairman Dorchinecz advised he spoke with City Attorney Romano today and there was nothing new at this time. He stated that the contract is 60 years old which makes it null and void; the longest a contract is extended now is 40 years. Chairman Dorchinecz asked the Committee if they want to proceed with directing City Attorney Romano to draft a new contract like the one we have with Langleyville and present it to the Water Committee for further review. The Committee will suggest a new water rate. The Committee agreed to pursue. Mr. Mizeur was present and stated he did not feel that the federal government would have given them grant money if the contract was not good.

The Committee explained to Mr. Mizeur that the rates for Owaneco should be equivalent to the rates that Kincaid and Langleyville pay and it is Superintendent Speagle's recommendation that the three agreements have the same effective dates. Alderman Walters asked what the rate would be for Owaneco; Chairman Dorchinecz advised this would be discussed when Attorney Romano prepares the draft for review.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to draft a new Village of Owaneco Intergovernmental Agreement to present to the Water Committee to review. Motion carried 4-0.

LAB TESTING FEES

Superintendent Speagle has received quotes from PDC and IEPA for testing for July 2016-June 2017. The price for sampling changes each year due to the type and amount of samples required by EPA. The cost could be higher depending on repeat sampling etc.

The low quote was from IEPA for basic chemical sampling excluding bacteriological samples analysis, is \$5,663.15. For bacteriological testing their quote was \$18.00 per sample for \$4,320.00. The cost for crypto testing is \$3,780.00. The total for IEPA to conduct the analysis is \$13,763.15.

He also advised there would be other non-required samples this year which is not included in either quote. He will be utilizing an outside lab that is certified for those samples.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to accept the low quote of \$13,763.15 for lab testing fees from the Illinois EPA for the 2016-2017 sampling period. Motion carried 4-0.

Water Superintendent Speagle advised this is the first time in a long time IEPA has been awarded the bid.

SERVICE LINE MATERIALS BID AWARD

Superintendent Speagle advised he received four bids for Service Line Materials with all bidders meeting the specifications.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to accept the low bid of \$10,525.00 from HD Supply Waterworks for Service Line Materials. Motion carried 4-0.

KINCAID INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REVISION

Every two years the City may adjust the rates charged to the Village of Kincaid by a maximum of 10%. In the past they have raised the rate 10% every period due to the initial rate being established very low. They currently have the lowest wholesale rate, but we cannot raise it above the 10% set point without reopening the contract. The City must notify them at least 24 months in advance to open the contract. Water Superintendent Speagle recommends proceeding with notifying them in order to get the three entities Kincaid, Owaneco and Langleyville to mirror each other and to have them all effective at the same time. The current contract will expire in January 2017.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to draft a new Intergovernmental Agreement for the Water Committee to review and after their approval to engage in discussion with Kincaid. Motion carried 4-0.

ILWARN MEMBERSHIP

Superintendent Speagle is recommending that the City join ILWARN, which is a Public Works mutual aid group; there is no cost for this membership. He suggested that the Committee visit their website for detailed information. He would like to forward the membership agreement to City Attorney Romano for review.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to forward the ILWARN Membership Agreement to City Attorney Romano for review. Motion carried 4-0.

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, etc. There is a delay to bidding caused by the IHPA, (Illinois Historical Preservation Act); they required a Phase I Study prior to issuing our permit even though this was only a renewal of the original permit which was issued without the requirement of the study. The Phase I study was completed by the U of I and some sherds were found causing the U of I to recommend a Phase 2 Study. The City is contesting this decision.

Cross Connection Control

Superintendent Speagle stated within a couple of weeks he would be sending out a press release and having numerous conversations/interview with all available media outlets to eliminate any confusion or concerns over the survey letters that will follow shortly thereafter regarding Cross Connection Control.

ARMS- Automated Meter Readings

They are continuing the change out program still concentrating on meter wells. There are over 3,985 AMR's in the system currently.

S. Wyandotte St. Water Main Replacement

The S. Wyandotte Street Water Replacement is on hold for W. Main Cross and Cherokee Street Project.

Summit Ave.

Gave an update on the Summit Ave. project

SNAWS

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

East Main Cross

Will be open cutting the west bound lane and installing a 10" water main from Water Street to Paw Paw Street, then plans to continue onto Walnut at a future date.

Cherokee Street

This project will be on Cherokee Street from East Park to East Main Cross. He will be providing information to the City Engineer so he can design and submit for an EPA permit to replace a portion of the water main prior to the street project.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Dorchinecz advised Attorney Romano contacted him today with a draft of an Agreement between the City of Taylorville and the Sharpsburg and Neighboring Area Water System (SNAWS). Chairman Dorchinecz asked all members to review the draft and to forward their recommendations to him or Attorney Romano of the changes. Alderman Walters advised he would review and if needed will leave a copy of changes in the Clerk's Office.

Superintendent Speagle discussed the Midtown Plaza project; he stated there have been some misunderstandings with the developer of the project. After discussion there was a recommendation that Mayor Brotherton, Water Superintendent Speagle, Water Chairman Dorchinecz, and Street and Sewer Superintendent Dick Wiseman meet with the contractor to put into writing what the City has agreed to contribute to the project to get everyone on the same page.

The Committee suggested the wording on the new sign for the plant be changed to Water Treatment Facility.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman