

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
September 8, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aldermen Dorchinecz
Alderman Vota
Alderman Budd

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Alderman Olive
Richard Ricca
Bev Morrison

Superintendent Speagle
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 presented the Monthly Status Report for August reporting that 10% of Lake Taylorville Water was used compared to 90% of Well Water. Chairman Dorchinecz noted there were 376 shutoff notices mailed resulting in 41 shutoffs, and 17 final bills from shutoffs.

Superintendent Speagle stated that a lot of the monthly work was installing mains, tees & valves on East Main Cross. They shocked the East Main Cross water main from Water Street to Hunter Avenue, flushed hydrants and pulled two sets of bacteriological samples on East Main Cross.

VILLAGE OF OWANECO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

At last month's meeting Attorney Romano asked that the Owaneco Village Attorney please contact him with a response in order to be able to negotiate the issue. Attorney Quinn Broverman e-mailed that they consider themselves still under the old agreement.

VILLAGE OF KINCAID INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

David Fines, Attorney for Kincaid, forwarded that their Board will meet on September 12th.

LANGLEYVILLE PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Ron Verardi, representing Langleyville, forwarded their Board will meet on September 14th.

WELL #4 TREATMENT BID AWARD

At the August 11th Water Committee Meeting, Superintendent Speagle informed the Committee that two bid spec packages for the Well #4 Treatment Bid Award were sent out but only one received due to an incorrect address. He rejected the bid and rebid the project with a September 6th bid opening at which three bids were received.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to accept the low bid of \$24,750.00 from Brotcke Well & Pump for the removal of the existing pump, chemical treatment and installation of a spare pump at Well #4 for the Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRPRO CONTRACT

The cathodic protection on the three water towers requires periodic maintenance. The cost of \$795.00 for each tower includes an annual test and inspection but does not cover replacement parts. Superintendent Speagle feels the yearly maintenance agreement with Corrpro Co. is the most cost effective solution as an upgrade of service which covers parts (if they go bad) is more costly.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to authorize the annual agreement with Corrpro Co. in the amount of \$2,385.00 for cathodic protection on the three water towers. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNEXATION ISSUES AT 2 DEL MAR COURT & 1351 S. SHUMWAY

Chairman Dorchinecz reported that the properties of 2 Del Mar Court and 1351 S. Shumway are contiguous to the City, but have never been annexed. The Del Mar Court property was purchased in January by the Hayes who were not given the paperwork to sign when they started water service. They have since signed the Annexation Agreement under protest. The annexation of 1351 S. Shumway was discussed at the Water Committee in 2012. Kayla Matheny had purchased the house and moved outside City limits to take in foster and rescue animals. At that time the Committee tabled the issue of annexing the property until a reasonable reason or appropriate time for annexing. She still owns the property but does not live there. Both homeowners will be invited to the next Water Committee Meeting.

MONTHLY BILLING

The Committee discussed matters involved with going to monthly water billing in order to make it easier for people to budget. Treasurer Nation reported there will very likely be an increase in postage, paper, reports, equipment and possibly staff. There may be an increase for Incode for software fees. There may be an increase in the Taylorville Sanitary District fees also. Superintendent Speagle stated everything will have to be restructured.

Treasurer Nation stated that the Billing Clerk will have to process 6,000 water bills in one month. She has to manually go over each account to see if there is a big change in the amount of consumption before she can start processing the bills. She also has to send out many letters to customers regarding the change in consumption she has discovered.

It was mentioned that the Sanitary District will meet on September 12th at 4:00 P.M. and possibly Treasurer Nation could attend.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

New Water Plant

Superintendent Speagle reported 3 post molds were found during the Archeological Survey indicating that structures were there at one time. He has not yet received the report.

He is planning on having a Special City Council Meeting Tuesday, September 13th at 6:00 regarding the New Water Plant.

City Street & Water Repairs

Superintendent Speagle is somewhat concerned that his water main replacement work needs to be more coordinated with the Street repair projects. This means his Department has to tear up a portion of a newly laid or resurfaced street. He stated we used to plan to do road projects for the next year, thereby allowing repair work to be done ahead of the new resurfacing. He will check with the Street Superintendent concerning altering the plans for Cherokee Street to allow for the intersection at East Main Cross to be done the following year.

Shut Off Notices & Callout Fees

Shut off notices are placed on residences doors. Presently it takes five of Superintendent Speagle's crew members all day to deliver shut off notices. Many houses do not have numbers and sometimes it is confusing just where to deliver the notice. When asked why they have to be hand delivered and not mailed he stated there is always the possibility the customer will say they did not receive the notification of shutting their water off. If we go to monthly billing it could take twice the time.

Treasurer Nation would like the Ordinance Committee to look at the amount charged for a callout for someone wanting to start water service on a holiday or Sunday, compared to the amount paid an employee for overtime or callout.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman