

## Village of White City Water Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

President Steve Subick called Water Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Brenda Subick, Shon Calvert, Scott VanLoo, Bob Hubert, Steve Subick and Donna Heinke, all present.

**Discuss/Review IRWA Water Rate Study & Assessment:** President Steve Subick introduced Clark Cameron from the Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA) . Mr. Cameron presented the Water Rate Study and Rate Assessment he conducted for the Village of White City. The Board reviewed the Study & Assessment. Mr. Cameron's suggestion was to lower the base gallons per month from 2000 to 1000 and increase the rate for the gallons used after 1,000 by \$2.00 per gallon.

His review was conducted from the Audit completed for the 2017/2018 audit year. This was before the new water system was completed and before the switch from Mt. Olive water provider to Staunton water provider. After he reviewed current expenses and costs it was in his opinion that changing the base gallons per month and increasing the rate of gallons after the first 1,000 would provide the Village with sufficient costs to operate within their current budget.

Mr. Cameron said he would provide an updated Rate Study and Assessment possibly in the Spring once the Audit for 2018/2019 is completed and the new water system has been up and running for approximately one year.

**Discuss Customer Water Fees & Surcharges:** The Board asked Village Clerk Donna Heinke to Amend Ordinance 365 Water Rates based on discussion to change base gallons per month to 1,000 and increase rate for gallons used after 1,000 by \$2.00 per gallon. The Ordinance will be amended and included as topic of discussion for the Board Meeting September 11, 2019.

The Board also discussed surcharges for those customers previously on Master Meters and Coop's. The previous Ordinance 213 stated that the surcharges were necessary to defray costs to operate the master meters and Staunton Coop. Since there are no longer master meters or a Staunton Coop the Board agreed to deduct the surcharges for those customer's accounts. Village Clerk will draft a new Ordinance to deduct the monthly surcharges and it will be included as topic of discussion for the Board Meeting September 11, 2019.

**EPA Evaluation Report:** Village Clerk Donna Heinke provided a copy of the Evaluation Report completed by the Illinois EPA on July 10, 2019, to the Board Members.

**List of Customers Complaints regarding water pressure/flow:** Village Clerk Donna Heinke provided a copy of the list of customers still having concerns with their water pressure/flow. Donna called customers individually from a list previously dated in April of 2019. Several customers on the list were satisfied with their pressure/flow since changing over to the new system. Those customers were deleted from the list and Donna provided the most current list as of August 28, 2019.

**Copper & Lead Testing Notifications:** Village Clerk Donna Heinke provided an update on the Copper & Lead Testing for PDC Labs. Bob Leonhardt was not notified by PDC that they changed the testing dates. He did not receive notification until last week of June that samples were to be completed by June 30, 2019. Bob Leonhardt took the samples of 15 customers on July 4, 2019. This is also a change from the previous years, he only had to take samples of 10 customers. We believe the notification was sent to Staunton in error. In the past testing for copper & lead was to be completed once a year. PDC changed that to twice a year and Bob Leonhardt did not receive that notification. We have since spoke to the PDC lab and they understand that it was sent out late, however due to EPA specifications the Village of White City will need to send out notification to all customers. This notification will be sent no later than September 5, 2019.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Bob Hubert made motion to adjourn with 2<sup>nd</sup> from Brenda Subick.

Roll Call: All Ayes and meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Motion to Approve August 28, 2019 Water Committee Meeting Minutes:

Motion to Approve made by Brenda Subick with 2<sup>nd</sup> from Bob Hubert.

Date Approved: September 11, 2019

Roll Call:

Shon Calvert –	Yes
Bob Hubert –	Yes
Brenda Subick -	Yes
Scott VanLoo -	Absent
Steve Subick -	Yes

Posted by: Donna Heinke, Village Clerk

Date: September 12, 2019