

## Utility Committee Meeting 10-05-15

Attendance: Mike Harmon, Daryn Hamilton, Jessica Ledger-Kalen, Tony Hammes, Joy Messer, Shawn Worley, Melanie Carlson and Lynda Smith

### Sewer adjustment request for 706 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street:

Lynda Smith asked the committee to adjust the sewer charge at the residence. While on vacation a water purification system installed in the home had a valve failure allowing water to run for an extended period of time. This water went down a sink drain in the basement. The sink is connected to the sewer system for the home.

Jessica explained that since the water did make it into the sewer line the committee has a policy of forgiving only a portion of the sewer charge. the committee voted that the bill will be adjusted as follows:

Previous monthly sewer charge: \$58.42

Current monthly service charge: \$747.42

$\$747.42 - 58.42 = \$689.00$      $\$689.00 / 2 = \$344.50$  amount assigned as customer responsibility

The customer's bill will be adjusted by \$344.50 as either a credit to the account if it has been paid or forgiven if payment has been arranged. **Action needed.**

### Libertyville Road sewer main project:

JCG (cities acquisition agent) was directed to move forward with strategy discussed. Melanie will work their assigned agent. **No action needed.**

### Rec center parking lot:

With the shift from CWSRF funding to USDARD funding for the sewer improvements the rec center parking lot lost its funding. On a 2 to 1 vote, Hammes and Ledger-Kalen voting for and Hamilton voting against, it is recommended to the council to authorize a transfer from the sewer fund an amount to cover the construction of the new parking lot to the general fund. The design of the lot was changed from a previous pavement to concrete. This change reduces construction costs from approximately \$550,000 to approximately \$225,000. **Action needed.**

### Interim Financing of sewer projects:

With the USDARD loan requiring the city to obtain short term financing, a construction type loan, the committee recommends that Mike Harmon and Travis Squires assess the local lending market to find lenders suitable options for the council to review and approve. **No action needed.**