

City of Waterloo  
Water / Sewer Committee  
January 3, 2017 6:30 pm

Present: Aldermen, Thomas, Notheisen, Trantham, Heller, Fredrick, Darter, Hopkins, Director of Public Works, Tim Birk, Collector-Budget Officer, Shawn Kennedy, City Attorney, Dan Hayes and Mayor Tom Smith.

1. Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items

None

2. Approval of 11-21-16 Joint Economic Development & Water-Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Fredrick and seconded by Hopkins to approve 11-21-16 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Illinois-American Water Rate Increase

Shawn Kennedy reported to the committees that ICC had granted American Water a 7% rate increase. The last increase was in 2012. The city of Waterloo is a wholesale purchaser; the increase would also effect the city. She stated that American Water said that an average residential customer uses 4500 gallons of water a month, the increase would be 12 cents a day, \$3.54 monthly for American Water's residential customers. The water usage is the same for Waterloo citizens 4500 gallons a month, but the increase would be 9 cents a day, \$2.82 month.

The motion made by Darter and seconded by Hopkins to recommend increase of 7% to the water rate. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Future Projects

1. The contract with American Water expires in 2022. We need to explore our options

1) Renegotiate contract asking for...

- To put in a different group not Inner-Urban District (which includes Madison, E. St. Louis, Granite City, Cahokia, Alorton, Sauget)
- Same rate as Columbia

2) Forming a city owned water company

3) Possibility of a waterline from Kaskaskia (the same that services Hecker, Smithton)

There will be more discussion on this at a later date.

2. Water Tower

Tim Birk gave a report to the committee on tower inspection. There will be a meeting to discuss the tower in more detail.

3. There was a brief discussion on sewer line extension on Route 156. Tim should have the engineering proposal on the next agenda.

4. There was a brief discussion on waterline extension Vandebrook to Bulldog Blvd.

5. Comments

None

Motion made by Darter and seconded by Fredrick to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm  
Rita Trantham