

**Sewer and Water Committee Meeting**  
**September 5, 2017 – 6:30pm**  
**Minutes – Stan Darter**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:30pm

**Committee Members Present** - Darter- C, Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Tom Smith

**Others Present** – Shawn Kennedy, Tim Birk, Russ Thomas, Daniel Hayes

**Petitions by Citizens Non-Agenda Items** – None

**Approval of 08/07/17 Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes –**

Motion made by Kyle Buettner to accept the minutes as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Hopkins, motion passed unanimously.

**Waterloo High School Excess Water/Sewer Use** – Letter from Waterloo CUSD was distributed and discussed at length. The High School has an auto-fill device to keep the pond at the desired level. This device mal-functioned and allowed the water to run continuously for about 2 months. This water ran into a storm sewer and/or onto the High School lawn and was not processed through the Sewer Plant. Waterloo CUSD asked to have the excess Sewer Charges deducted from their bill. Shawn Kennedy calculated (based on prior years use for that time period) the excess Sewer charges to be \$14,652.35.

Motion was made by Kyle Buettner to give the school a credit of \$14,652.35 Motion seconded by Jim Hopkins, passed unanimously.

**Letter from Kyle & Suzanne Stephens** – The City received a letter from these homeowners. They had a problem with their Swimming Pool that required draining the Pool to replace the Liner. This water ran into a storm sewer and/or onto their lawn and was not processed through the Sewer Plant. Homeowners asked to have the excess Sewer Charges deducted from their bill. Extended discussion about a malfunction compared to pool maintenance.

Tim Birk informed the Committee a 2<sup>nd</sup> meter was available to use for Pools/Lawns/etc with no Sewer charges. However the Homeowner is responsible for having it installed (possibly \$1,000) and the minimum monthly charge for a 2<sup>nd</sup> meter was currently \$12/Month. It's unlike this option could save a Homeowner any money.

No motion was made to act on the Stephens request.

Russ Thomas offered an idea to allow the Mayor to make decisions about this type request for amounts \$1,000 or less. Extended discussion. No Motion was made on this proposal.

**Comments** - Tim Birk and Daniel Hayes led a discussion on Future Water needs for the City of Waterloo. Currently our Water rate is \$3.62/thousand gallons compared to \$1.68 for the City of Columbia. Our higher rate is caused by the City being grouped with Municipalities that can not afford to pay for their own infrastructure. Our higher rates are used to pay for their infrastructure.

The City of Waterloo has the option to build our own Water Plant and possibly supply water to surrounding communities. Our water costs would probably remain about where they are now for approximately 7 years but beyond 7 years we could see substantially lower water costs for many years.

A Test Well was drilled for Water Quality and the results were Very Good. General discussion favored building our own Water Plant.

Motion was made by Kyle Buettner, 2nd by Jim Trantham to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.