

Water & Sewer Committee Meeting
Oct 5, 2020 – 6:30pm
Minutes – Stan Darter

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30pm

Committee Members Present - Darter- C, Thomas, Row, Hopkins, Buettner

Others Present – Heller, Hopkins, Tim Birk, Shawn Kennedy

Agenda

1) Petitions by Citizens Non-Agenda Items

None

2) AMI – Second Sight

Tim Birk explained that Second-Sight had contracted with Ehret Plumbing of Belleville to provide the Licensed Plumbers for Second Sight to bring them into compliance. This would add \$35 per meter installation to the original contract price. If Second Sight installed all 1,400+ meters this would be an additional \$50,000. Tim plans on having Waterloo Employees install as many as possible to reduce our costs.

Russ Row made a motion to recommend accepting this proposal, 2nd by Jim Hopkins, unanimous approval.

3) Comments

A letter from Steve and Margaret Loomis was distributed to the committee concerning the replacement of their Water Meter (See attached) Their basement is finished and replacing the meter would require cutting a larger access in their Bar that would require repairs. The committee discussed several possible meter replace/relocate scenarios but did not make a final recommendation. Would like to discuss further at the next Utility Meeting.

Shawn Kennedy informed the Committee the ICC had approved a request from Illinois American to add \$342 per month to Waterloo's Bill to help Illinois American recoup COVID Costs.

Motion made by Russ Thomas to adjourn, 2nd by Kyle Buettner, meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

attachment

Tim Birk

From: Tom Smith
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Tim Birk
Subject: Fwd: Water meter replacement project

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "buttercup050@aol.com" <buttercup050@aol.com>
Date: October 1, 2020 at 11:45:21 AM CDT
To: Tom Smith <TSmith@waterloo.il.us>, Jim Trantham <JTrantham@waterloo.il.us>, Jhop <jhop@htc.net>
Subject: Water meter replacement project
Reply-To: buttercup050@aol.com

Dear Mayor and Aldermen,

Dear Mayor and Alderperson,

My name is Margaret Loomis and my husband and I have been proud residents of the City of Waterloo since 2016.

As part of the City of Waterloo's efforts to update and replace water meters in residences, we arranged and met with a representative from Second Sight Systems today (Wednesday, September 23, 2020)

He explained that in order for us to complete the meter exchange and installation, that we would have to have a larger hole cut into our finished basement wall, and a hole cut into our finished bar area.

As a retired couple, we are on a fixed income and the costs to fix and repair our finished basement, after the installation is complete, would place a significant financial burden on our monthly budget. We appreciate and understand the need to finish this project, but would like to discuss with you our options to have this work completed at no out-of-pocket costs to us.

Sincerely,
Steve and Margaret Loomis
709 Elaine Drive
Waterloo, IL 62298

This email was original sent on September 23. I am resending the email since have not heard from any of you.