

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JULY 7, 2015**

**SIGN IN**

**BILL DAVIS  
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PAUL JACKSTADT  
JUDY WHITAKER  
BRIAN KONZEN  
DAN MCDOWELL**

**ALDERMAN DAVIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.**

**DAVIS TURNED OVER TO COMPTROLLER ONEY TO DISCUSS SEWER RATE.**

**ONEY STATED WE HAVE 2 MAIN COST THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH OUR SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM.**

- 1. THE LOAD WE PAY.**
- 2. THE WASTE TREATMENT FUND.**

**THE REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IS OURS AND IT IS FUNDED BY 4 GOVERNMENTS; CITY OF GRANITE CITY, MSD, MCSS#1, AND GLEN CARBON. THE LOAD HAS GONE FROM 2.5 MILLION TO 3.3 MILLION AND THAT IS ABOUT \$800,000.00 THAT IS COMING OUT OF OUR COLLECTION FUND. THE RATES FROM 2012 DO NOT REFLECT THE INCREASES. WE HAVE SPENT 8 MILLION LINING THE SEWERS. RIGHT NOW WE ARE AT \$14.20 THEY ARE SUGGESTING THAT WE INCREASE IT TO \$18.00 A MONTH.**

**DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL AND ONEY ABOUT THE LOAD INCREASE TO THE SEWER SYSTEM. ONEY STATED THAT WE HAVE INDUSTRIAL USERS AND THE COST FOR CHEMICAL FOR THE PLANT HAS INCREASED. WE ARE PAYING MORE TO PROCESS THAN WE ARE CHARGING. ONEY STATED THE WAY THE ORDINANCE READS IS THAT WE SHOULD CHARGE THE SAME AMOUNT IT COST TO PROCESS THE BOD & TSS FEES.**

**JEFF HAMILTON FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT EXPLAINED THAT BOD STANDS FOR BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND AND TSS ARE THE AMOUNT OF SOLIDS.**

**ONEY STATED IT'S A COMBINATION OF FLOW, BOD AND TSS AND RIGHT NOW THE WAY THE ORDINANCE IS WRITTEN WHAT WE ARE BILLING OUR INDUSTRIAL USERS, WE ARE NOT BILLING THEM AS MUCH AS WE ARE PAYING THE WASTE TREATMENT PLANT TO PROCESS AND WE ARE NOT DOING AS THE ORDINANCE STATED. THE COST WILL BE PAST ON TO THE CUSTOMER FOR COST CHARGED TO US BY THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

**HAMILTON STATED THAT WE HAVE DOUBLED OUR CHEMICAL COST FOR THE YEAR SIMPLY BECAUSE WE HAVE TO TREAT THE WATER ACCORDING THE EPA SANCTIONS.**

**MAYOR STATED REMEMBER WE SPENT 8 MILLION DOLLARS TO UPGRADE THE SEWERS, PLUS 2 YRS PRIOR WE SPENT 1.8 MILLION IN UP GRADES. MAYOR STATED THAT HE DIDN'T MIND THE COST GETTING TO \$18.00 BUT HE JUST DIDN'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN ALL AT ONCE. I THINK WE SHOULD BREAK IT UP INTO SEVERAL YEARS. THE KEY IS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE IT STATE IN THE ORDINANCE THAT TO KEEP UP WITH THE COST. WE ARE STILL THE LOWEST AROUND.**

**ONEY STATED THAT WE BRING IN 4.7 MILLION OUR LOAD IS 3.3 MILLION AND ½ MILLION TO DEBT AND THAT LEAVES THE REST FOR SEWER UP GRADES AND REPAIRS.**

**DISCUSSION BY MAYOR, ONEY AND COUNCIL ABOUT THE INCREASE.**

**ONEY STATED THAT HE IS COMING TO THE COUNCIL STATING ONLY WHAT THE CITY NEEDS FOR THE RATE INCREASE.**

**MAYOR STATED THAT THIS IS STRICTLY A USER FUND AND I LIKE THE IDEA OF \$1.00 INCREASE PER YEAR.**

**ONEY STATED THAT IF ANYONE WOULD HAVE ANY QUESTION PLEASE CALL HIM.**

**MOTION BY JACKSTADT, SECOND BY DAVIS TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**