

**WASTE WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 15TH, 2011**

SIGN IN

BILL DAVIS

JIM SMITH

JUDY WHITAKER

BRIAN KONZEN

PAUL JACKSTADT

DAN MCDOWELL

VIRGIL KAMBARIAN

WALMER SCHMIDTKE

DON THOMPSON

ED HAGNAUER

DAVID PARTNEY

JACK JENKINS

MARY WOFFORD

DAVIS CALLED MEETING TO ORDER.

DAVIS SAID THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSION ON THE SEWER LATE FEES, PEOPLE CAN'T GET CAUGHT UP. WORKING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRANT ORDINANCE.

DAVIS STATED THAT WE HAVE SOME PROGRESS ON DELINQUENT SEWER BILLS.

VALLE STATED IN THE YEARS BACK THERE WAS A HARD SHIP AGREEMENT, THE PERSON WOULD HAVE TO BRING IN DOCUMENTS TO SHOW THE HARDSHIP AND THE LATE FEES WOULD STOP.

MAYOR STATED WHY ARE WE NOT BRINGING THESE PEOPLE IN AND COLLECT THE DEBT. NORMALLY THE COUNCIL IS VERY AGGRESSIVE IN COLLECTING THE DEBT. MAYOR STATED THAT WE ARE 1.8 MILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT; WE ARE NOT DOING OUR JOB.

KONZEN EXPLAINED THE ORDINANCE THAT BEFORE WE SHUT OFF THE WATER THE PROPERTY HAS TO BE VACANT.

KAMBARIAN SAID THAT THE CITY DOESN'T WANT TO SHUT OFF THE WATER; WE WOULD RATHER HAVE SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT WITH THE PERSON OR PERSONS.

KONZEN ALSO STATED THAT THE CURRANT ORDINANCE STATES THAT THERE IS A 6 MONTH PAYMENT PLAN.

MAYOR STATED ON OTHER THING ALDERMAN DAVIS IT NOT THE POOR LITTLE OLD LADY, IT'S PEOPLE WITH A GOOD INCOME JUST NOT PAYING THEIR BILLS. WE REALLY NEED TO STEP IT UP; WE HAVE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES THAT JUST AREN'T PAYING.

VALLE STATED THAT SHE DIDN'T LIKE TO HERE YOU SAY THAT THEY ARE DOING NOTHING ABOUT IT, BECAUSE WE ARE.

MAYOR STATED THAT IT'S NOT THAT YOUR DOING NOTHING, IT'S THAT YOUR NOT AGGRESSIVE ENOUGH. YOUR ONLY BRING IN 3 PEOPLE A MONTH, WHY AREN'T WE BRINGING 10 A WEEK.

VALLE STATED IT'S A LONG PROCESS THAT WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH SENDING THE LETTER, WAIT AND SEE IF THEY PAY, PAYMENT PLAN, HEARING, MAKE UP AN AGENDA, TAKE MINUTES, THEN THE PEOPLE COME IN. THE SAME THING THAT I COULD DO AT MY DESK.

MAYOR STATED LET THE WATER COMPANY DO IT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT.

VALLE STATED OK LET THEM DO THE WORK. THE PROCESS TAKES A LOT OF TIME, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO AT MY DESK.

DAVIS SUGGESTS THAT WE GET SOMETHING WRITTEN UP SO THAT WE CAN START COLLECTING, AND GET THE PEOPLE TO PAY THEIR BILLS.

VALLE AGAIN STATE D IT'S SOMETHING THAT I COULD DO AT MY DESK.

DAVIS SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD GET TOGETHER WITH KONZEN, SCOTT, GAIL, AND GET SOMETHING DONE ON THIS MATER.

KAMBARIAN ASKED IF THERE IS A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY THAT WE CAN GET THE JOB DONE. I UNDERSTAND WE DO 2-3 A MONTH I FIND IT HARD WE CAN'T DO BETTER THAN THAT.

ONEY STATED THAT IT'S STRUCTURED OUT IN THE CITY ORDINANCE. ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER CO WILL ONLY TAKE 10 PER WEEK. ONEY STATED YOU CAN MEET FOR 8 HOURS, AND GET SO MANY WATER SHUTOFFS, BUT AGAIN THE WATER COMPANY WILL ONLY ACCEPT SO MANY A WEEK.

DAVIS SUGGESTED THAT IT BE SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE, AND WRITE UP SOMETHING ELSE ON THAT.

JACOBS ENGINEERING CONTRACT WAS DISCUSSED BY JUNEAU, AND EVERYONE AGREED.

WRITE OFF SEWER FOR 2221 BENTON, WILLAREDT STATED THAT THE PERSON DID A TOTAL REHAB, HE MEET ALL THE CITY REQUIREMENTS, AND WOULD LIKE THIS DEPT FORGIVEN. VALLE STATED THAT THE TOTAL IS \$769.62.

VALLE STATED ON ITEM #4 2012 ILLINOIS A MR. NANCE. HE HAS A GARAGE CITY TOLD HE HAD TO PUT A SEWER IN, THERE IS NO BATHROOM, NOT SURE IT HAS WATER RUNNING IN IT. HE HAD BEEN PAYING BUT SINCE THE BANKRUPTCY HE NOT PAID.

WILLAREDT STATED 2223 MR. LATEN IS IN FORECLOSURE. VALLE SAID THAT THIS PROPERTY IS IN REAL BAD SHAPE. SOME ONE ALSO STATED THAT THEY SHOULD SCHEDULE ANOTHER MEETING TO DISCUSS THE MATERS A HAND FURTHER.

VALLE ALSO DISCUSSED THE LATE FEE ADJUSTMENT; FOR EXAMPLE ON PERSON HAS PAID HIS CURRANT BILL PLUS \$75 MONTH SINCE 2005 AND STILL OWES OVER \$7,000 THE QUESTION WAS ASKED WHY ARE THEY BEHIND ANYWAY.

MOTION BY DAVIS, SECOND BY THOMPSON TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

