

September 12th, 2017

Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Committee of the Whole Special Meeting was called to order by President Mire at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present – Clark, Fowler, Rankin and Robertson.
Absent – Feims and Schneider.

Also Present - President Mire, Clerk Housenga, Treasurer Barber, Steve and Donna Enright and Russell Kinkade.

A quorum was established.

President Mire provided recommendations based on a detailed analysis of the Water, Sewer and Garbage services to each member of the Board. Mire and Treasurer Barber used historical data compiled from all accounts for all projections and recommendations. Mire recommended raising the base Water service rate to \$28.00 per month with still including 2000 gallons of usage, where the rate is currently \$25.00. Incremental rate increases were recommended as follows the next 1,000 gallons or more of water used at the rate of \$2.30 per 1000 gallons; the first 25,000 gallons or less in excess of 25,000 gallons per month to be billed \$2.09 per 1,000 gallons; all additional gallons in excess of 50,000 gallons per month at the rate of \$1.99 per 1,000 gallons. Mire recommended these rates go into effect as of January 1st, 2018.

The average user would see an increase in water costs of \$ 3.48 per month. The largest consumer of water in the Village would see a projected increase of \$20.00 per month. The rate increases are warranted as there is a need to create a continuous loop to provide water service in a more efficient manner. MSA had projected the cost of the loop project back in 2015 at a cost of \$199,400.00. Additionally maintenance will be required in the future on our water tower as well as general up keep and unexpected equipment costs. No action was taken at this time.

Robertson stated he thought the projections and recommendations were logical. President Mire recommended at this time no increase be made to the Sewer utility charges at this time. Mire did note the rate charged to the Village by the City of East Moline would be indicative to rate charge to the citizens. No action was taken at this time.

Waste services contracted with Allied Waste are billed to the Village at a current rate of \$12.47 until June 2018, July 2018 to June 2019 the rate will change to \$12.72. Mire and Barber feel it is best to keep subsidizing additional costs by retaining the current rate to the citizens of \$12.00 per month until the end of the Allied Waste contract in 2019. The Village Waste account has a surplus at this time. Mire and Barber feel the Village should be able to maintain a surplus while saving the citizens money. Robertson recommended passing through the charge to the residents. Mire explained with the additional revenues received from late charges and the fact that waste funds can only pay for waste services the citizens would not need to bear the full cost of waste collection to maintain a surplus. No action was taken at this time.

President Mire made a recommendations for the Rapids City Community Center rates based on other area municipalities Community Center/ Hall rates along with taking into account the cost of upcoming maintenance that will eventually be required at the Village Community Center. President Mire and Clerk Housenga agreed starting January 1st, 2018 any new rentals of the community center will be charged as such. Major/Special

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Events and Wedding Receptions All Day - \$350.00 Non Resident; \$250 Resident; Non-Profit Private Events All Day - \$150.00; \$150.00 deposit; Hourly events - \$40.00 Non-Resident; \$30.00 Resident per hour with a 4 hour minimum; Non-Profit Public Events – NO CHARGE; \$150.00 deposit; Damage/Security Deposits - \$150.00 for resident and \$250.00 for non-resident; Hourly instructional classes - \$11.00 per hour. No action was taken at this time.

The Board was given four different proposed tax levy rates by Clerk Housenga. Levy rate proposals ranged from a maximum collection rate to a lateral rate of .5761, same as last year's rate. Each proposal was explained by Housenga. Housenga noted the Village's EAV had gone down from last year, therefore if the Board wanted to bring in the same amount of moneys as last year there would be a rate increase. Mire had requested the Board keep the rate of .5761 with a total \$153,373.00 being collected. Mire and Barber feel the Village can sustain a loss of \$302.00. During discussion Fowler expressed she felt leery about raising the rates at this time. Robertson felt the proposal of .5761 is realistic at this time, but did voice a concern over budgeting for major projects in the future. Clark inquired about the funding of the water loop project with other account funds. Mire reminded certain funds can only be used to pay for certain projects by law funds cannot be comingled. Water projects can only be paid for by Water funds. Mire asked Rankin elaborated about the water loop project, it is estimated to take three years to complete, to be done in phases over a five year period. The project would be funded by saving the moneys for the project incrementally, paying each phase as completed. The project has been in planning for a while. Our final water loan has come to fruition and will now the Village can make other improvements to the water system. No action was taken at this time.

With nothing further to be discuss, Fowler motioned/ Robertson seconded to adjourn and all concurred, President Mire adjourned this September 12th, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:32 p.m...

Rankin moved to adjourn this June 28, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:34 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK