



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: 3-11-2024

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Agenda Item: Park District Water Discount

Discussion:

The Park District recently came to the City to discuss water rates for the Park District pool and the LaHood Park splash pad. They have asked to be billed for water at its cost to the City. The City currently pays \$0.001 per gallon to pump, treat, and soften the water. This includes the cost to heat and the electrical cost to run our plants. This does not include personnel or maintenance costs.

The Park District pool has two water meters. They have a “**water only**” meter that fills the larger swimming pools and a normal water/sewer meter that supplies water to the restrooms, concession stand, and baby pool. There was no request to reduce or remove the sewer rates for the restrooms, concession stand, and baby pool; the request was solely to reduce the cost for water.

In 2022, the Park District pool used 477,760 gallons through the water/sewer meter and 1,869,346 gallons through the water only meter. This combined for a total of 2,347,106 gallons and \$12,204.05 in the water usage fee. LaHood Park used 1,487,373 gallons for \$7,734.32 in the water usage fee.

The cost to the city for the water at the pool is \$2,294.41, while the water at LaHood Park costs \$1,453.98.

Fiscal Impact:

The reduction in the rate to the City’s cost would decrease revenue by around \$9,909.64 for the pool and about \$6,280.34 for LaHood Park.

Action Requested: Staff requests discussion on the Park District’s request for a lower water rate. Other taxing bodies or residents using City water may expect a similar reduction should the Park District’s rate be discounted.

Utility and Chemicals	
Heating	\$5,000.00
Electricity	\$120,000.00
Chemicals	\$53,750.00
Salt	\$125,000.00
	\$303,750.00
\$/gal	\$0.0010

Personnel	\$792,400.00
\$/gal	\$0.0026
Operations	\$612,150.00
\$/gal	\$0.0020
Capital	\$1,262,000.00
\$/gal	\$0.0041
Debt Service	\$261,315.00
\$/gal	\$0.0008
Interfund Transfers	\$150,000.00
\$/gal	\$0.0005

Total City Gallons Billed 310,725,949.00

			Total Billed
Pool Usage	2,347,106	gallons	\$12,204.05
Util and Chem Only	@Cost	\$0.0010	\$2,294.41
			-\$9,909.64

Lahood Usage	1,487,373	gallons	\$7,734.32
Util and Chem Only	@Cost	\$0.0010	\$1,453.98
			-\$6,280.34