

**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WINDSOR HEIGHTS, IOWA
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 8
For Meeting of 01/07/08

ITEM TITLE: Consideration of a resolution requesting the Des Moines Water Works' Board of Directors set the capital water rate at \$1.00 per thousands gallons of water for City of Windsor Heights.

CONTACT PERSON: Marketa George Oliver

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

During the last Public Works Committee meeting in November, the Water Utility rate was discussed and the committee recommended increasing the current rate. The increased water rate will generate enough funds for the city to update and replace water lines on a more systematic basis. This issue was also discussed at the Council study session in December. Many areas in the city have seen frequent water main breaks, causing citizens to be without water for several hours. The water mains will be replaced in a strategic order so that the most critical infrastructure needs can be met first. The current capital improvement rate has not generated enough revenue on an annual or biennial basis to undertake the capital projects that need to be constructed. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary to generate approximately \$130,000 annually through the water rates. The City's current capital rate is \$.25 per thousand gallons of water and generates roughly \$30,000 to \$35,000. The current capital improvement rate has not generated enough revenue on an annual or biennial basis to undertake the capital projects that need to be constructed. The capital rate would need to go to \$1.00 per thousand gallons of water to generate the \$130,000 annually. For the average household who uses 7,000 to 7,500 gallons of water, this equates to an increase of approximately \$5.25 per month. Please note this could vary based on water consumption. These capital projects will be included in the City's capital improvements plan, which is included in the City's annual budget. Following is a list of the water main replacements and anode retrofit installations to be included in the capital plan.

Water Main Replacements


Year	Street	From	To	Size	Footage	Cost
FY 2009	64 th Mott	School 65 th St	1128 64 th St 64 th Street	4 4	1785	\$266,036
FY 2011	Sunset Terrace	73 rd St	68 th St	4	1815	\$270,508
FY 2013	Reite	73 rd St	68 th St	4	1825	\$271,998
FY 2015	Del Matro	68 th St	64 th St	4	1640	\$244,425
FY 2017	Del Matro	73 rd St	68 th St	4	1821	\$271,402
FY 2019	69 th Street	School	Mott	4	910	\$135,626

Anode Retrofit Installations

Year	Street	From	To	Size	Footage	Cost
FY 2009	74 th	College	Wilshire	6	1440	\$17,280
FY 2011	Northwest Drive	6608	64 th St	6	1120	\$13,440
FY 2013	Sunrise	73 rd St	70 th St	6	1450	\$17,400
FY 2015	68 th St	Hickman	Timmons Dr.	6	1285	\$15,420
FY 2017	Colby	73 rd St	70 th St	6	1235	\$14,820
FY 2019	College	73 rd St	75 th St	6	620	\$7,440

Resolution _____ Ordinance ____ Contract ___ Other (Specify) _____

Funding Source _____ Revenue _____

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL _____

City Administrator

STAFF/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **The Public Works Committee**

COUNCIL ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-0107

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DES MOINES WATER WORKS BOARD SET THE CAPITAL WATER RATE AT \$1.00 PER THOUSAND GALLONS OF WATER FOR THE CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS

WHEREAS, the City of Windsor Heights' wishes maintain and improve the current water infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, various locations throughout the city experience frequent water main breaks due to the aging water infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the current capital rate is \$.25 per thousand gallons of water and generates approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 annually; and,

WHEREAS, the current capital improvement rate has not generated enough revenue on an annual or biennial basis to undertake the capital projects that need to be constructed; and,

WHEREAS, increasing the capital rate to \$1.00 per thousand gallons of water is estimated to generate approximately \$130,000 annually; and,

WHEREAS, water mains will be replaced on an annual or bi-annual schedule in a strategic order so that the most critical infrastructure needs can be met first; and,

WHEREAS, the Windsor Heights City Code, Chapter 38.28 allows for the City Council to adjust the water rate via a passed resolution; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa, that the City Council authorizes the Mayor and City Administrator to request the Des Moines Water Works Board set the capital water rate at \$1.00 per thousand gallons for the City of Windsor Heights to help improve the water infrastructure within the city boundaries.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF January, 2008

David J. Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk