

September 18, 2013
Regular Session

The Bellevue Municipal Utilities met in regular session on September 18, 2013 at 12:00 noon in the Council Chambers with Chairman Ken Walsh presiding. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Boardmembers Ken Walsh, Barry Nudd and Lucy Zeimet. Also present were Superintendent Bob Ploessl, City Administrator Loras Herrig and Tim Roth

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Walsh declared the Agenda approved with no additions.

TIM ROTH BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Tim appeared to request a reduction in sewer charges for the Bellevue Community Schools. The school uses a considerable amount of water for irrigation of their athletic fields. Their usage is becoming rather large resulting in a sizable sewer charge. The school is looking at possible alternatives as the water does not go through the sanitary sewer. One would be to negotiate a reduced rate for the sewer on this water usage or they could drill a well for their irrigation purposes. Before they make an investment in a well system they were wondering if any consideration could be given to a reduction in the sewer charge. The Utility Board discussed possible options including providing a discount for a dedicated in ground irrigation system that is being used to provide a safe environment for youth athletic activities. The Board asked that a formal letter requesting the reduction be presented from the Bellevue Community School Board. Once it is received Herrig is to prepare a resolution to be considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Zeimet and seconded by Nudd to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve minutes of 8-21-13 Regular Session
- B. Approve August Financial Reports
- C. Approve Bills and Claims as Authorized

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ploessl told the Board that the Water Tower Project is complete. Everyone is satisfied with the work and many positive comments have been received.

Ploessl explained that we are in the process of selling our transmission line that brings the electric power into the City of Bellevue. There is an approximate three mile section of line that would be sold to the Central Iowa Power Cooperative. Most of the municipal utilities in the state

are pursuing this option to alleviate future maintenance costs. Ploessl will work with Herrig and discuss the matter with City Attorney Steve Kahler on transmission line dedication of easements.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-13UB RE-ESTABLISHING UTILITY CHARGES

It was moved by Nudd and seconded by Walsh to approve Resolution No. 04-13UB Re-establishing Utility Charges effective January 1, 2014. Roll call vote. All ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-13UB

A RESOLUTION DEFINING THE CRITERIA FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF FACILITY CHARGES AND CONNECTION/DISCONNECTION CHARGES AND ESTABLISHING FEES

WHEREAS, the Municipal Utility Board of Trustees has the responsibility of operating and maintaining the City of Bellevue electric, water and wastewater systems, and

WHEREAS, that responsibility includes insuring the financial stability of the system, and

WHEREAS, establishing rates for facility charges and connection/disconnection charges are a part of that responsibility

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following charges are established:

1. Facility Charges
 - a. All customers that are connected to the electric utility will be assessed a water and wastewater facility charge if connected to the service or has access to City water or sewer main without crossing property not owned by them.
 - b. If a customer has a commercial electric service, they will be assessed a commercial facility charge. If their electric service is residential, their facility charge will be residential
 - c. In the event of a commercial business where the business provides water service to multiple residential electric customers who do not have individual water meters, the residential users will be assessed residential water and sewer facility charges and the commercial business will be assessed a separate commercial facility charge at the base rate.
 - d. The facility charge will not be assessed to more than one structure on each parcel of property unless the parcel is used for more than one purpose or has more than one user.

The rates for facility charges will be as follows:

Residential Customers:

Water	10.00	Wastewater	15.00
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Commercial Customers:

Usage (Monthly)

0 cubic feet – 450	10.00	15.00
451 - 900	15.00	30.00
901 – 1800	20.00	45.00
1801 – 8333	25.00	90.00
Over 8334	30.00	125.00

2. Customers with private water supplies that are connected to the municipal wastewater system will be assessed a charge equal to the following:

Average household usage of 450 cubic feet per month multiplied by the current consumption rate plus the current facility charge.

Based on the current rates: 2.91 cents per cubic foot = \$13.10
 Facility Charge 15.00
 \$28.10

3. Connection Fee. Before any connection to the city sewer main is made, a fee will be paid to cover the cost of connection. The fee will be as follows:

Sewer Connection \$325.00

4. Bulk Water Rate – The charge for bulk water provided by Bellevue Municipal Utility will be 2 cents per gallon. The minimum charge will be \$15.00 for each purchase.

5. Connection Fee – Before any connection to a water main is made, a fee will be paid to the Municipal Utility to cover the cost of a corporation valve, a water meter, the cost of issuing the permit and supervising, regulating and inspecting the work. The fee will be as follows:

1 inch or smaller \$200.00
 Larger than 1 inch line 400.00 plus tapping fee

6. Disconnection/Reconnection Fees – A fee of \$20.00 will be charged anytime a line is turned off or turned on.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Secretary

Chairman

CALLAHAN MUNICIPAL CONSULTANTS LLC

The Board reviewed correspondence from Pat Callahan. Mr. Callahan is forming a new business that will provide services to municipal utilities and to cities. The Board agreed to keep Mr. Callahan's firm in mind if any additional work is needed in the future.

OCTOBER UTILITY BOARD MEETING

It was agreed that Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at noon would be the appropriate date for the next Utility Board meeting.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

The following Bills and Claims were paid as approved:

Treasurer State of Iowa	Sales Tax 8/1-15/2013	3520.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sales Tax 8/16-31/2013	5206.00
Black Hills Energy	Elec. & W.W. Gas Bills	356.17
Medical Assoc. Health Ins.	Util. Health Ins.	9670.82
IPAIT	Purchased Power	129693.25
Acco	Liquid Chlorine	607.70
Assurant Em. Benefits	Util. Life Ins.	48.00
ATS Petro	Fuel Purchase	333.13
Bancard Center	Training Expense	250.00
Bellevue Mun. Util.	Trsf. Funds to Elec. Cap. Fund	20000.00
Bellevue Mun. Util.	Utilities	5901/15
Bellevue Sand & Gravel	Materials	49.75
Benders Foods	Supplies	30.77
Casey's	Fuel Purchase	294.90
Chet Claussen	Refrigerator Rebate	25.00
City of Bellevue	Trsf. To Debt Svs. For W.W. Pymt.	13175.00
City of Bellevue	Util. Office Trsf/Internet Charge	27326.33
The City of Dubuque	Water Testing Service	36.00
Dubuque Fire Equipment	Annual Service	235.09
Fletcher Reinhardt Co.	Underground Const.	1337.60
Gayle Murphy	Window Rebate	420.00

Harold Bowman	Rain Barrel Rebates	50.00
Heidi Abbott	Dishwasher Rebate	25.00
IIW Engineers	Engineering Fees	628.25
Iowa One Call	Locate Service	35.10
Iowa Rural Water Assoc.	Registration Fee	280.00
Iowa Utilities Board	FY 2014 Assessment	1701.00
J&R Supply	Sewer Main Project	1356.60
Jac. Co. Econ. Alliance	Contribution	2000.00
Jac. Co. Treasurer	Property Taxes	3618.00
Janaan Gottschalk	Service Deposit Refund	178.60
Jim Cavanaugh	Refrigerator/Freezer Rebate	50.00
K&W Coatings LLC	Water Tower Maint.	3300.00
Kevin Kerpes	Water Heater Rebate	100.00
Keystone Laboratories	Water Testing Service	21.00
Knights of Columbus Club	Air Conditioner/Water Heater Rebates	450.00
Lampe True Value	Supplies	49.98
Leonard Manders	Window Rebate	80.00
Marquette Catholic Schools	Air Conditioner Rebates	725.00
Mary Hurt	Service Deposit Refund	155.20
Michael Callaghan	Appliance Rebates	120.00
Pat & Mary Hurley	TV/Window Rebate	80.00
Per Mar Security	Security Monitoring	188.62
Power & Telephone	Overhead Line Const. Material	968.16
QC Analytical Services	W.W. Lab Testing Service	278.00
Reliable	Office Supplies	12.51
Richard Symonds	Refrigerator Rebate	25.00
Roeder Brothers	Supplies	520.49
Skarshaug Testing Laboratories	Testing Services	210.03
State Hygienic Laboratory	Outside Lab Testing Service	19.00
Susan Davids	A/C Rebate	150.00
The Car Wash	Fuel Purchase	476.40
The Herald Leader	Publication	71.61
Till's	Vehicle Maintenance	32.13
U.S. Post Office	Stamps	253.00
USA Blue Book	Supplies	33.33
Verizon Wireless	CIPCO Monthly Access	14.28
Windstream	Telephone Service	100.52
Zeimet's Garage	Equipment Maintenance	43.92

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Nudd and seconded by Zeimet to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary

Chairman