

Work session  
November 30, 2021  
Future Water Survey  
400 Elsie Ave. – Chaney Monge School

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Ray Soliman, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman John Vershay, Alderman Darrell Jefferson, Alderman Mark Cipiti, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

Also present were: Public Works Director Mark Siefert, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Assistant Public Works Director Blaine Kline, Administrative Assistant Ada Martino, Attorney Michael Bentschi. Also Chris Ulm, Corrina Mauss, Nathan Wisnionstes, from Strand & Associates.

Mayor Soliman welcomed the public and gave a brief statement. He thanked everyone for coming.

Public Works Director Mark Siefert welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out tonight. He introduced Chris Ulm from Strand & Associates. He explained how the information stations are set up and that the residents can go to them in groups of 4.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Station – Current Source vs Alternative Sources
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Station – What is involved with switching Water Sources
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Station – How does this affect me?
- 4<sup>th</sup> Station – How does this effect my water bill?

Since late 2014 the City has been looking for an additional well site as the current wells we have will not be able to keep up with future needs. Other surrounding communities are searching for other sources of water. The water is tested daily, is regulated and meets all quality of standards. Lake water would require that the water be piped to one location. treated and sent back out into the system. Another option for the City is to add 2 treatment facility locations on each side of town or get water from another location. There will be 5 years of construction with trunk lines going through Crest Hill. Conservation programs will need to be enacted so we don't waste water. A comparison was done between the 2030 and 2050 rates. These costs did not include any fundings through potential grants. By December 2022, all regions will need to decide if they are going to join the Regional Water Commission. It will be 2030 before water goes through the lines in the City of Crest Hill. Pfas limits will be in place by 2024.

Director Mark Siefert directed the residents to the various information stations. Each discussion would last 5-7 minutes.

The Mayor then asked for comments and questions from those who were in attendance.

Billy King is not a fan of Lake Michigan water since Chicago can raise the rates at any time. He asked when we found out about Pfas. The Mayor explained it was in June. Mr. King asked how we notified the public. Public Works Director Mark Siefert stated it was on the website. He informed the audience that Heather McGuire (past City Administrator) felt that the citizens should not be responsible to pay for this. Mr. King stated that we dumped raw sewage on the property that is near a few wells. Director Siefert commented that it was dumped on IDOC property and was regulated by the State. There are leases from the farmers and the State of Corrections for sludge hauling on the property.


Donna Dimmick asked when the issue with the lake water will be voted on. Mayor stated by January. The City of Joliet needs an answer as quickly as possible so that they can move ahead.

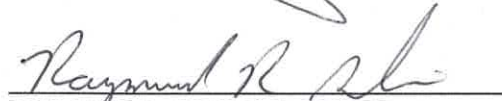
The meeting was adjourned at 8:23p

Approved this 6th day of December, 2021

As presented

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CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

  
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RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR