

**MINUTES
CITY OF DARIEN
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
February 22, 2010**

PRESENT: Alderman Joseph Marchese, Alderman John Galan, Alderman Ted Schauer,
Dan Gombac-Director, Michael Griffith-Senior Planner

ABSENT: Elizabeth Lahey - Secretary

GUESTS: Alderman John Poteraske

Chairperson Marchese called the Municipal Services Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall – City Council Chambers, Darien, Illinois and declared a quorum present.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance – 8105 Cass Avenue, Darien Plaza outlot (sign location)

Mr. Michael Griffith - Senior Planner presented the staff report. He stated that this is a variation from the Sign Code. He stated that there is an existing sign located at the south entrance of the Darien Plaza shopping center which also provides access to the adjacent office buildings. Mr. Griffith stated that the sign does not advertise the shopping center, but advertises the adjacent office buildings, and the petitioner is looking to replace the sign with a brand new sign. He stated that the proposed sign is considered an off-premises sign, the sign does meet the Code in terms of height and area and that the PZC recommended approval. He further stated that this did not require a public hearing.

Mr. Shaun Ensign, Landmark Sign Group, the petitioner stated that they did install two other signs down the street. He stated that the sign would be identical to those two signs and that the main purpose of the sign is to add tenant names so that people visiting can find the tenants in the building.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer that based upon the submitted petition and the information presented, the request associated with PZC 2010-02 is in conformance with the standards of the Darien City Code and move that the Municipal Services Committee recommend approval to the City Council.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.

Chairperson Marchese announced that this would be forwarded to the City Council on Monday, March 1, 2010.

B. Resolution – Extend Contract with Gaffney’s Protective Maintenance Inc. for Street Light Repair

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this resolution is to extend a contract with Gaffney’s Protective Maintenance, Inc. for the 2010 Street Light Maintenance Contract Repair for Street Lights within the City of Darien through April 30, 2011. He stated that the City has contracted with Gaffney’s this year and that their service has been prompt. Mr. Gombac stated that this would be a second extension of a three-year option. He stated that last year in March the City opened up sealed bids and they were awarded the 2009 Street Light Maintenance Contract. He further stated that the Committee received a list of the items that they are covering with the costs in the agenda memo.

Mr. Gombac reported on the cost to repair street lights, hourly rate for labor and equipment, lamp charges, aluminum pole, concrete pole and uni-duct costs, straightening of concrete poles (he stated that this is one item which was in the budget for last year and was not considered and will not be considered this year), clean and inventory (this was also in the budget last year and was not considered) and remove and replace lens covers (this was granted by the City Council but due to the recent budget cuts this item has been cut).

Mr. Gombac reported that the City is looking at an expenditure of \$68,000 for the year and \$12,000 additional for the street light installation. He stated that this will probably be a discretionary item and will not go to City Council unless the City Council decides to incorporate it into the budget.

Chairperson Marchese asked if the \$12,000 is when someone identifies a location of need for a street light.

Mr. Gombac stated that there are two locations that are on the table presently.

Alderman Galan questioned if the language would be written into the motion pending approval of the overall budget.

Chairperson Marchese stated that every item on the agenda is contingent upon City Council budgeting and that all of the vendors would be informed that something may not happen.

Mr. Gombac stated that he would assume that the City Council would move ahead with the contract portion for the maintenance but the installation of new street lights would be discretionary. He stated that staff would wait to proceed with a final agenda memo to the City Council pending budget workshops.

Chairperson Marchese stated that “pending” was not placed in the motion at the last meeting at the request of Alderman Poteraske prior to the budget.

Mr. Gombac stated that some of these items will be on the City Council agenda on March 1st.

Alderman Poteraske stated that the City will be putting the cart before the horse and it could end up on the March 1st agenda thinking it's approved and the overall budget won't be approved by March 1st.

Mr. Gombac reported that item D is the only item that needs to be considered for City Council consideration for March 1st.

Alderman Poteraske stated that he wanted to bring it up because it was not clear when he spoke with Mr. Vana.

Mr. Gombac stated that the purpose of the competitive quotes and contracts is so that the Budget Committee is aware of the numbers. He stated that then staff could proceed to the City Council in March or April to save time.

Alderman Galan stated that he agreed with Alderman Poteraske and that the Committee needs to be careful to identify the items that will be completely dependent upon the budget discussions as opposed to those that are broken and need to be fixed.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to extend the contract with Gaffney's Protective Maintenance Inc. for the 2010 Street Light Maintenance Contract Repair for Street Lights within the City of Darien through April 30, 2011 and move that the Municipal Services Committee recommend approval of the Resolution to the City Council pending budget approval.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.

Mr. Gombac reported that this item will be presented after the budget considerations and back to the City Council for a final decision.

C. Resolution – Extend Contract with Hoving Clean Sweep LLC for Street Sweeping Services

Mr. Dan Gombac reported that this is a second extension for the street sweeping services for the City of Darien. He stated that last year there were four bids and that Hoving Clean Sweep LLC was the lowest bid. Mr. Gombac reported that staff will be recommending to the Budget Committee eliminating one street sweeping. He stated that in the past the City has four for the last several years and that staff recommends eliminating interval 3 which occurs from August 24th – September 7th. He reported that the proposed expenditure is for \$23,000 pending the outcome of the Budget Committee. He further reported that the contractor is willing to accept eliminating interval 3.

Chairperson Marchese stated that this will also be a discretionary item in the budget.

Alderman Schauer stated that he was concerned that approval is contingent on sweeping including three. He stated that he was concerned that it will be all or nothing.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to extend the contract with Hoving Clean Sweep, LLC for the 2010 Street Sweeping services in an amount not to exceed \$23,000 through April 30, 2011 with the elimination of Interval 3 and move that the Municipal Services Committee recommend approval of the Resolution to the City Council.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.

D. Resolution - Accept a proposal from K & K Well Drilling to Sealing and Capping of Well No. 6

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this item will be placed on the March 1st City Council agenda. He stated that this is a well which is raw water or water that has high iron, sulfur content etc. and that staff has to test the well monthly. Mr. Gombac reported that the well is shallow well (low producing quality water). During a routine monthly test it was identified that well is not producing water as it should. The flow of water from the well was described as a water fountain versus a fire hydrant. He stated that the casing is the problem and that after staff review and looking at the benefits staff felt that the well should be capped because it is a low quality water producing well and that if and when the water was needed it could serve approximately 50 people but it could not be used for drinking. Staff felt that the value to fix it was not worth it and recommend capping the well. If a well is not operating it must be taken out of service as mandated by the County Health Department and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Alderman Galan asked what happens once it is capped.

Mr. Gombac reported that once it is capped that there is no more seepage of ground water into the aquifer.

Chairperson Marchese noted that while this item was not budgeted in the current fiscal year that there is money in the current fiscal budget to cover this cost and that this is not a proposal for the 2010-11 year it falls under the 2009-10 and that there is still \$13,000 still in the budget even though this is a non budgeted item that was not anticipated.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to accept a proposal from K & K Well Drilling in the amount of \$9,840 for the sealing and capping of Well No. 6 located at 1930 Manning Road, Plant No. 3 and move that the Municipal Services Committee recommend approval of the Resolution to the City Council.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.

Chairperson Marchese announced that this would be on the March 1, 2010 City Council agenda.

Chairperson Marchese reported that the remaining items relate to the ditch projects and that what is discussed will be at the discretion of City Council with regard to budgeting for the next fiscal year.

Alderman Galan stated that he understands that this will be dependent upon the budget and it is not necessarily an all or nothing. He stated that he did not want to give the impression that there is potential to do everything.

Chairperson Marchese stated that he agreed and that he would like to make it clear that there is a very good possibility that nothing may be done. He stated that the reason for this is so that the Committee is prepared and that if the Council approves it as a budget item that staff can move forward.

Alderman Galan stated that it is better to have them on the agenda so that the Committee does not have to go back for discussion later.

Mr. Gombac stated that all these items do not relate to ditching projects. He stated that he will mention if they relate to ditching projects.

Chairperson Marchese stated that when the end of review was done last year it saved the City money and allowed buying power. He stated that this was not always done in the past and that the City would buy and purchase as the projects were done.

E. Resolution – Accept a proposal from DAS Enterprises Inc., to provide trucking services for Public Works projects

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He stated that this proposal from DAS Enterprises Inc. is to provide trucking services at a rate of \$84.00 per hour. He stated that trucking services are used for the ditch projects as well as hauling debris, spoils from water main breaks.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

F. Resolution – Accept a proposal from Metal Culverts Inc. for Culvert Metal Pipes, Metal Bands and Metal Flared End Sections and fittings

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this proposal from Metal Culverts, Inc. is for culvert metal pipes, metal bands and metal flared end sections and fittings. He further reported that the vendor would be used for the ditching projects and yearly maintenance to replace culverts to residents.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

G. Resolution – Accept a proposal from Land and Lakes Company to provide tipping and transfer services for Public Works projects

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this is a unit price proposal for tipping and transfer fees from Land and Lake Company at the proposed unit prices for certain waste for a period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. Mr. Gombac stated that this is where the City takes all the spoils generated from water main breaks, ditching projects or miscellaneous projects.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

H. Resolution – Accept a proposal from Elmhurst Chicago Stone to purchase stone for Public Works projects

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this resolution is to accept a proposal from Elmhurst Chicago Stone to purchase stone for Public Works projects for a period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. He reported that the stone is used for road bases, gravel shoulders, ditch projects and water main breaks. Mr. Gombac also noted that if all the projects were done it will equate to \$50,000. He stated that the number will be adjusted per the budget workshop.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

I. Resolution – Accept a proposal from Kieft Brothers Inc. for Storm Sewer Structures, iron gates and concrete adjusting rings

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this resolution is to accept a proposal from Kieft Brothers, Inc. for storm sewer structures, iron sewer grates, concrete adjusting rings as required for various Public Works projects for a period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. He reported that these items are used in ditch projects, when a storm sewer collapses and could be used for water vaults.

Chairperson Marchese stated that in the future a percentage of how much work is done for each project would be beneficial.

Mr. Gombac stated that staff does keep record of what items are used for projects.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

J. Resolution – Accept a proposal from A & J Scott Construction Inc. for the removal and replacement of bituminous aprons and road patches

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this resolution is to accept a proposal from A & J Scott Construction Inc. for the removal and replacement of bituminous aprons and road patches as required for various Public Works projects for a period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. He reported that the proposed vendor would be utilized for

larger water main breaks that require special equipment. The proposed vendor would also be used for aprons and street crossing through the final selected ditch programs. He stated that the majority is used for ditch projects.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

K. Resolution – Accept a proposal from DuPage Topsoil Inc. for the purchase of topsoil

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this resolution is to accept a proposal from DuPage Topsoil Inc. for the purchase of topsoil for various Public Works projects for a period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. He reported that the topsoil is used for turf damage, water main breaks, ditching projects and any type of restorations that the Public Works department needs to restore. Mr. Gombac reported that all the projects would equate to \$50,000.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

L. Resolution – Accept a proposal from Beary Landscaping for placement of topsoil and for the purchase and placement of sod

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this resolution is to accept a proposal from Beary Landscaping at the proposed schedule of prices for the placement of topsoil and for the purchase and placement of fertilizer and sod for landscape restoration services for a period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. Mr. Gombac reported that this is only for the ditch project but may be used in a rare instance for sod for a main break depending on the schedule.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

M. Resolution – Accept a proposal from Norwalk Tank Company for High Density Polyethylene Pipes, Bands, Flared End Sections and Fittings

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this resolution is to accept a proposal from Norwalk Tank Company for high density polyethylene pipes, bands, flared end sections and fittings as required for various Public Works projects for a period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. Mr. Gombac reported that this is used for applications for ditching projects or miscellaneous culvert replacements.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

N. Resolution – Accept a proposal from Salce Inc. to provide stone and delivery for Public Works projects

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this resolution is to accept a proposal from Salce Inc. to provide stone and delivery for Public Works projects for a period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. He reported that the stone is used for gravel

shoulders, ditch projects and water main breaks. Mr. Gombac also noted that this gives the City semi's worth of stone from the quarry.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

O. Resolution – Add quantities to current proposed contract with Suburban Concrete For Public Works projects

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this resolution is to accept a proposal authorizing the City to add quantities to the proposed current contract for Suburban Concrete Inc. for the removal and replacement of concrete aprons required for apron restorations as required for various Public Works projects for a period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. He stated that this would be an extension from the concrete program specifically for ditching projects.

Alderman Poteraske asked if any of the items are volume sensitive or if there are multiple prices in any of the items.

Mr. Gombac stated that based on the competitive bid for the Concrete Program this was an add-on and the value could be to approximately \$30,000 depending on what projects would be finalized.

Alderman Poteraske stated that if there were no units except ditch units and ditches are not approved the cost would be \$0.

Mr. Gombac stated that Alderman Poteraske's statement was correct.

Chairperson Marchese stated that items E-O on the agenda are all pending City Council approval and will not go on an agenda until the City Council makes a decision regarding ditch projects.

Alderman Galan stated that he was looking at the estimated costs and that it appears the amount to be approximately \$1.9 million.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to accept resolutions E – O of the February 22, 2010 agenda memo as presented.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.

P. Motion – Project D-09 Brookbank Road Drainage Improvement

Q. Motion – Project A10 Evans Place Drainage Improvement

R. Motion – Project B10 Richmond Avenue Drainage Improvement For Public Works projects

S. Motion – Project C10 Western Avenue Drainage Improvement

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He stated that he would be reporting on Items P – S.

Mr. Gombac reported that staff identified 11 ditch/drainage projects which were forwarded to the City Administrator and included in the Budget Workshop. He stated that of the 11, four are going to be brought back to the Budget Workshop and considered at top priority. Mr. Gombac reported that the top priority were Brookbank Road, Evans Place, Richmond Avenue and Western Avenue and high priority were Sunrise Avenue, 68th Street, Holly Avenue, Gail Avenue, Alabama Avenue, Capital Drive and Chestnut Lane. He stated that there was an additional section and considered a low priority and not put out for bid and those were Brookhaven Avenue from Warwick to Warwick, Bentley Avenue from 67th Street to Chestnut Lane and Bentley Avenue north of 67th Street. Mr. Gombac stated that there are four additional projects which would be completed by the Street Division pending the budget. The proposed projects are Royal Swan and Lake Ridge (this project has been forwarded to FY 11/12), Winterbury Lane, Birchwood Park and Carlisle Court. He stated that this is the overall program and that the Committee is looking at the top priority list. He further stated that these ditches need to be done this year in order for the roads to be repaved next year.

Mr. Gombac reported that Brookbank Road is estimated at \$133,000, Evans Place \$111,000, Richmond Avenue \$79,000 and Western Avenue \$172,000 and that the numbers are revised numbers based on approving a contract for the 2010 Roadside Maintenance Ditching Program. He stated that all of the projects are items that require attention for drainage and that they are all discretionary. He stated that the City has work orders from up to five years ago occurring in these areas.

Alderman Galan stated that the items total \$500,000. He stated that these are not ditch projects but things that are broken. He asked if some of the projects could be handled in house.

Mr. Gombac stated that segmented portions of it can be done in house but that majority of the projects require special equipment.

Alderman Schauer asked if they were wants or necessities.

Mr. Gombac stated that they are necessities. He provided the Committee with an example. He stated if the ditches are not done the Committee needs to evaluate if the roads are going to be done and continue to put in roads that only last 8 years.

Alderman Galan brought up Walnut Street and when the street collapsed the City ultimately ended up paying for it.

Mr. Gombac reported that the City Administrator put all the 11 projects in discretionary so that if there was additional funding that staff was prepared and ready to go.

Alderman Schauer asked how long a ditch lasts.

Mr. Gombac stated that a ditch usually has a life of 25 years.

Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to accept Items P-S of the February 22, 2010 agenda memo as presented subject to incorporating them into the Fiscal Year Budget.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.

T. Motion – Resolution – Approving a contract for the 2010 Roadside Maintenance Ditching Program

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He reported that this resolution authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute a contract for the FY 2010-2011 neighborhood drainage improvements between the City of Darien and Riccio Construction Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$156,970 and subject to budget approval.

Mr. Gombac stated that Mr. Bruno Redina, Scorpio Construction was in the audience. He stated that the agenda memo recommends awarding the contract to Riccio Construction Corp. subject to budget approval for project D, A, B and C of the agenda memo. He further stated that the City received 20 sealed bids on January 28th.

Mr. Gombac reported that Riccio would be responsible for the field layouts, removal and placement of deteriorated pipes, removal and replacement of inlets, catch basins and grates and ditch grading. He stated that the contract is a machine and labor unit rate charge. Mr. Gombac stated that the Committee received the bid results as well as the project costs for the four projects. He stated that prior to staff creating the agenda memo Scorpio Construction was contacted last Thursday and that the City is looking to entertain four projects but that they are not promised. Mr. Gombac stated that the City received a letter from Scorpio Construction that he is not able to do the four proposed projects at the submitted unit pricing. Gombac informed the Committee that Scorpio Construction was willing to do the proposed projects with a condition. The condition was that Scorpio would receive the minimal hours estimated by Staff for two contract line items. If the units were over Scorpio would also be reimbursed for those units in addition to the minimal. The two items Scorpio requested a renegotiation on were Layout and Ditch Regrading.

Mr. Gombac reported that the City responded back via letter that this was unacceptable and that the City would disqualify Scorpio from the bid and that the City would recommend awarding the bid to the responsive bidder. He stated that Scorpio Construction felt that this was unfair and Mr. Gombac suggested that Mr. Redina attend the Committee Meeting.

Mr. Gombac stated that prior to any additional comments the Committee received a comparison between Riccio and Scorpio. He reported that the difference between all the four jobs would cost \$56,660 more that the City would be paying based on the disqualification of Scorpio Construction.

Alderman Galan stated that staff put the bids together based on a per item price to come up with the numbers for the four projects.

Mr. Gombac stated that it was based on all the projects and that more then likely only four were going to be introduced to the budget. He stated that if the City were to do all of the projects Scorpio would be \$338,000 and Riccio \$522,000 or a difference of \$183,800.

Mr. Gombac stated that the City can either reject the contract and renegotiate with Scorpio tabling this item or take the agenda item and put a recommendation pending City Council budget approval.

Mr. Bruno Redina, Scorpio Construction stated that he was shocked to the reduced scope of the proposed projects. Mr. Rendina did state he did read the contract clearly that the city would pick and choose how many projects would be completed. He stated that he suggested to Mr. Gombac to reject everything and rebid the entire project. Mr. Redina stated that he was concerned that there would be a reduction on his contract. He stated that he wants to do the job and that he would never walk away and that disqualifying him is mud on his face.

Alderman Galan stated that he is looking for a couple of items for relief and that it would not look good to renegotiate for this contractor and not for the rest of the contractors and if consideration was made for rebidding the City would have to give all the vendors the opportunity to rebid.

Chairperson Marchese stated that realistically if the City is only looking at the four projects in all fairness to all the bidders the City would have to open the bidding to all the companies for the four projects.

Mr. Gombac stated that the contract would go to the City Council to reject the contract and go to rebid.

Alderman Galan asked if staff has a reasonable idea of costs for the four that could be taken to a budgetary discussion.

Mr. Gombac stated that he has an idea of costs and that he has revised the numbers.

Alderman Schauer stated that he thought it would be fair to rebid.

Alderman Galan stated that there is a \$56,000 difference and that is enough to rebid.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to recommend to the City Council rejection of the contract.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.

U. Minutes: January 25, 2010 – Municipal Services Committee

Alderman Schauer made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Galan to approve the January 25, 2010 Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Planning and Development Project Status

A. Discussion – Annual Water Report/LMO Report

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the Annual Water Report or the LMO report is a yearly water accountability report to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He stated that the report summarizes accountable and unaccountable flow in relation to purchased Lake Michigan Water and that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources mandates that a water supply may not be above 8% for unaccountable flow. Mr. Gombac stated that the City this year is at a 6.20% and almost double from years previous except for 2006. He stated that the City recently went to the SERF Water System and that staff is taking a look at the City's meters and that there is a 5% loss on average.

Mr. Gombac reported that he provided the Committee with a meter change out sampling test of local residents to show where the meters over 20 years, 15 years and 12 years are averaging out. He stated that the test is based on a quarter gallon test, a 2 gallon test, and a 10 gallon test and meter accuracy. He reported that meters that were over 20 years old that the City was at a 50% mark with water meters and that the meters that are over 15 years in age the City is losing approximately 20% and meters that are 12 years old the City is losing approximately 7%. Mr. Gombac stated that he is concerned about the amount of water lost this year. He stated that staff is looking at an automated meter reading system to replace a meter reader. He further stated that there is a cost to the Automated Meter Reading System (AMR) of \$1.2 million which includes an entire City meter change out. Mr. Gombac reported that this was recommended to the City Administrator and will not be forwarded to the Budget Committee. He stated that staff is identifying the possibility for grants.

Mr. Gombac stated that staff is aggressive in leak locating and that the leaks help reduce water loss as well. He stated that the Committee received a report on what the cost is at the wholesale cost.

Chairperson Marchese asked if there was a cost associated with replacing those meters instead of just looking at the AMR.

Mr. Gombac stated that it will be brought back to the Budget Committee for meter replacement. He stated that he would have to double check the inventory but that the \$25,000 in the budget covers maintenance.

Alderman Poteraske stated that it was the same amount last year and that there was no increase.

Chairperson Marchese stated that several years ago the City identified significant water loss and although the City absorbed the cost to replace it cut the amount of water we were losing.

Alderman Galan asked what the average yearly bill is for a homeowner.

Mr. Gombac reported that the EPA reports that the average person uses 180 gallons per person per day or approximately \$800 – 1,000 per year per household.

Alderman Galan stated that if we are missing 30% of the year's cost that this pays for the meter.

Mr. Gombac stated that all the information just came in approximately one month ago and that this is all brand new information. He stated that he is asking for \$25,000 to move it forward.

Alderman Galan stated that if the City could capture the money that the City is not billing for that this could offset the increase that the City will be hit with from the County.

Alderman Schauer asked if DuPage County could provide what homeowners are spending.

Mr. Gombac stated that the City can get an individual report for each resident. He stated that he would like to start with the 20 year old meters.

Alderman Poteraske stated that a year and a half ago the City took over the DuPage County water system in Darien and that during the contract the agreement was that DuPage County would incur the costs of a years worth of maintenance on the system. He asked if it was possible that the City didn't do as much to replace during that period or can the City go back and ask them to give us money to compensate for the bad meters that they gave us.

Mr. Gombac stated that they will not compensate for the bad meters and that in the contract DuPage County was responsible to do a random sampling of 10% and of those 10% we came into compliance of what the contract stated.

Alderman Poteraske asked how many of the meters were replaced in the year.

Mr. Gombac stated that he thought that 75 – 100 were replaced.

No further discussion and Staff would continue to monitor the meter replacement program and bench test all meters for historical purposes.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

B. Discussion – 2010 Ditch Catalogue

Gombac presented a preliminary Ditch Catalogue as prepared by Staff and provided a visual overview of ditches that have been completed. The catalogue provided a ditch inventory, field measurements, conditions and target dates for completion.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Marchese announced that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Committee, Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to adjourn. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

**Elizabeth Lahey
Secretary**

**Joseph Marchese
Chairperson**

**John Galan
Alderman**

**Ted Schauer
Alderman**