

Study Session
October 13, 2015
7:00 PM

A study session was held on October 13, 2015, at 7:00 PM by the Richmond City Council.

Council Members Present: Scott Snow, Karen Peters, Verlin Springer, Helen Feuerborn, Ezekiel Rodriguez and Doug McIntosh.

Staff present: Doyle Sobba, Marla Gadelman and Jake Strobel.

Guests Present: Mike Blaufuss, Kendall Eichman, Lawrence Comfort, Bret Pope, Greg Kropf and Sister Loretta Roeckers.

ITEM OF DISCUSSION:

Discussion with Anderson County Rural Water District No. 4 concerning agreement between the parties in case of emergency situation requiring purchase of water by either party.

Highlights of discussion:

The parties discussed how much water could be supplied to the other party in the event of an emergency or disaster situation.

City provided the last three annual water report worksheets to the District showing amount of water sold by city.

City supplies water to approximately 220 meters.

District believes it could supply water for entire town during winter; summer might be tight and could require rationing water.

District feeds all of old Anderson County RWD No. 3 and Richmond zone off of 6 inch lines.

A tiered rate (lower) may be possible for scheduled maintenance in the winter when District would have plenty of water available.

Richmond water rate is \$8.32 per 1,000 gallons. District rate is \$7.40 per 1,000 gallons. Monthly meter fees vary by location, from \$16 to \$25 per month.

Richmond Lake was not affected too much by summer drought since its spring fed.

District water comes from Melvern Lake and some purchased from City of Garnett.

The meter located at county line could be flipped to allow flow in either direction. It could be completed in about an hour. Valve could be turned off and then meter turned around. The line would need to be flushed before water could be used after connection. A procedure would need to be determined as to who is notified and who would turn the meter. Wholesale 12

would also need to be notified with as much notice as possible since the District's take from Wholesale 12 would be significantly increased if they were supplying water to Richmond.

The last time water was purchased from Richmond by the District the rate was \$6.25 per 1,000 gallons. District believes that is an acceptable rate for purchasing from Richmond or selling to Richmond. If Richmond purchased water in the winter, the rate could be reduced, especially for scheduled maintenance of City's plant.

District would be willing to split the cost to prepare agreement. District wants their attorney to review anything. Pat Walsh is District's attorney.

30 day notice to terminate or parties decide no longer necessary.

District owns the line from the corner of South Street to the meter at the county line. The District will probably convey the line to the City since they do not need it except for trading water in an emergency.

District's next meeting is November 12. Meetings are second Thursday of each month. Should be ready to sign an agreement by December meeting.

No action was taken on any matter discussed.

Time: 7:58 PM

APPROVED:

By:


Sheldon Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Maria Gadelman, City Clerk