



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: 11-13-2023

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Agenda Item: Park District Water Discount

Discussion:

The Park District recently came to the City to discuss water rates for the Park District Pool and the LaHood splash pad. They have asked to be billed for water at its cost to the City. The City currently pays \$0.001 per gallon to pump, treat, and soften the water. This includes the cost to heat and the electrical cost to run our plants. This does not include personnel or maintenance costs.

The Park District Pool has two water meters. They have a **water only** meter that fills the larger swimming pools and then a normal water/sewer meter that supplies water to the restrooms, concession, and baby pool. There was no request to reduce or remove the sewer rates for the restrooms, concessions, and baby pool; but to just reduce the cost for water.

In 2022, the Park District Pool used 477,760 gallons through the water/sewer meter and 1,869,346 gallons through the water only meter. This combined for a total of 2,347,106 gallons and \$12,204.05 in water usage fee. LaHood Park used 1,487,373 gallons for \$7,734.32 in water usage fee.

The cost to the city for the water at the pool is \$2,294.41, while the water at LaHood Park costs \$1,453.98.

Fiscal Impact:

The reduction in rate to the City's cost would decrease revenue by \$9,909.64 for the pool and by \$6,280.34 for LaHood Park.

Action Requested: Staff requests discussion on the Park District's request for a lower water rate.