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March 13, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: **Mark Wilson**, Department of Public Works Director

Re: 219 North River Street Sewer Credit

On March 7, 2019, Ms. Edna Mark came in to pay her water bill and noticed high usage for February 2019 billing. After checking her crawl space later that day, she noticed water on the floor. Patrick confirmed the water did not enter the sewer system. She inquired about a sewer credit for this leak. She does not have sufficient usage history to determine an average usage for the month of February over the past three years. Therefore, according to the attached ordinance, the average usage was calculated using the county's average of 50 gallons of water per person, per day. Using this calculation, the average usage for the month of February would be 4,050 gallons. The total usage recorded for February 2019 was 142,197 gallons.

Also, as the leak was not detected until March 7, 2019 there will be excessive usage for March. The reading for March 7, 2019 revealed a usage of 64,237 gallons from the previous reading taken February 21, 2019. Ms. Mark stated the water was turned off March 7th and will not be turned back on until repairs are completed.

As a past practice, the city manager has only granted credits in the amount of \$100 or less. Therefore, I would like to request council permission to apply a sewer credit to Ms. Mark's February 2019 bill in the amount of \$986.39 and to her March 2019 bill in the amount of \$443.68 because the water did not enter our sewer system. Please see calculations below.

February Credit Calculations

3 people x 50 gallons = 150 (Gallons daily usage)
150 x 27 days between readings = 4050 (Average gallons used)
142,197 - 4,050 = 138,147 (Above average usage)
138,147 / 1000 = 138.15
138.15 x 7.14 = \$986.39

March Credit Calculations

150 x 14 days between readings = 2,100 (Average gallons used)
64,237 - 2,100 = 62,137 (Above average usage)
62,137 / 1000 = 62.14
62.14 x 7.14 = \$443.68

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-3

CITY OF EVART
OSCEOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND EVART CITY CODE, CHAPTER 1040 – WATER

THE CITY OF EVART, OSCEOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS

SECTION 1: PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Evert City Code, Chapter 1040, as it relates to Water.

SECTION 2: Chapter 1040 of the Evert City Code, is amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 1040
WATER GENERALLY**

1040.02 Management of the Water Works System

(a) Definitions:

As used in this chapter:

5. "Ready to Serve Charge" is the name given to the costs associated with retiring all or a portion of the debt of the water supply system, capital improvements and maintenance and repair. The monthly charge is based upon the users' meter size, and will be charged, per unit.

1040.04 Meters

(h) Adjustment of Meter Bills

If a meter fails to register properly, the consumption for the period will be estimated by using the average of the same month, in the three proceeding years, when the water was measured correctly. If previous usage is inadequate for estimation, estimation shall be based on Osceola County estimation of 50 gallons, per person, per day, usage. If a meter reader is unable to gain access to a meter for reading, after two calls, the bill for the period may be estimated and the proper correction made on the bill, for the next period. If a metered water bill appears excessive, complaints should be made to the City Water Department immediately and the meter will be re-read and reasonable assistance given in searching for waste of water.

(j) Irrigation Meters

When an owner of property has an irrigation meter, the meter readings must be submitted to city hall by the 25th of each month, to get a sewer credit applied to the current month's bill. If the irrigation meter reading is submitted after the 25th of the month, the sewer credit shall be applied