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April 25, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

From: Sarah Dvoracek, City Manager

Re: 845 North Pine Street 2nd Water Credit Request

At the March 18, 2019 regular council meeting, council approved sewer credits totaling \$3,470.33 for Roger Elkins because the water did not enter our sewer system from a leak which was discovered in March 2019 but began in February at 845 North Pine Street. During the council meeting, Mr. Elkins also requested a water credit which council denied.

Mr. Elkins has again requested a water credit for this leak as stated in his attached letter. This request was also presented to the water and sewer committee at the April 4, 2019 meeting. The committee recommends denying Mr. Elkins request for a water credit.

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TO: City of Evert, Council members, & Utility Department
FROM: Roger Elkins
DATE: April 20, 2019
RE: Utility Bill 845 N. Pine #02340

Roger Elkins

The utility bill which arrived yesterday showing 206,844 gallons of water with a charge of \$744.64 for water. I would be willing to pay the minimum bill for water usage but I am requesting the additional water usage be waived. The meter readings at 845 N. Pine occurred on 2/21/2019 and on 3/20/2019. The inside water shut off was closed by me on March 8, 2019. During my residence in Evert on two or three occasions I have had a representative of the city contact me in regards to high water usage and asking if I would check. In the council packet for the April 1 meeting is a letter to the council which states: "On March 25, 2019 Mr. Ronald Woycehoski was contacted to inform him the March 2019 meter read for 110 East Eight Street was extremely high."

It would seem I should have been informed of an extremely high meter read near the end of February and again near the end of March. I have received no such response from the city. Instead another 206,844 gallons ran through the meter. At this point I am being billed for 486,893 gallons of water. I will reluctantly pay the \$1,008 water bill for February but will continue to seek relief for the March water bill of \$744. The two month charge for water equals \$1,752. At my residence at 815 N. Pine the water charge for the same two months was \$21.21 for an average of \$10.61 per month. $\$1,752 / \$10.61 = 165$ months or almost fourteen years of my normal water usage. Again, I will reluctantly pay the \$1,008 but am asking for relief on the March charge for water of \$744.

There are numerous times water is pumped and not billed. At the first coffee with the city manager a citizen asked if all water pumped was billed. DPW Director, Mark Wilson, acknowledged not all water pumped is billed to someone. Fire Department use, water main leaks, and water used by the city are examples of this. A more dramatic example that I am aware of is during the North Main Street project in 1994 the contractor hit a water main in the 800 block and the north water tower was drained. The tower holds 300,000 gallons. No one was billed for this water loss or usage. Again, I am just asking for some relief on the second months water bill for over 200,000 gallons for the reasons stated above.