



City Council
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
City of Belvidere, Illinois

Alderman Clayton Stevens,	1 st Ward	Alderman Tom Porter,	1 st Ward
Alderman Daniel Snow,	2 nd Ward	Alderman Michael Borowicz,	2 nd Ward
Alderman Wendy Frank,	3 rd Ward	Alderman Thomas Ratcliffe,	3 rd Ward
Alderman Ronald Brooks,	4 th Ward	Alderman George Crawford,	4 th Ward
Alderman Mark Sanderson	5 th Ward	Alderman Marsha Freeman,	5 th Ward

AGENDA
May 8, 2017
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
401 Whitney Boulevard
Belvidere, Illinois

Call to Order: Mayor Chamberlain

Roll Call: Present: Absent:

Public Comment:

Public Forum:

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Special Committees:

1. Building, Planning & Zoning, Unfinished Business: None.
2. Building, Planning & Zoning, New Business: None.
3. Public Works, Unfinished Business: None.

4. Public Works, New Business:

- (A) Request for Water Bill Adjustment – 916 Whitney Blvd.
- (B) Backhoe Replacement – Water Department.
- (C) Tree/Brush Chipper Replacement – Street Department.

5. Other:

- (A) Executive Session pursuant to 2 (c) (11) Litigation, either pending or imminent.

6. Adjournment:

Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Brent Anderson, Director of Public Works
Date: 5/3/2017
Re: Request for Water Bill Adjustment
916 Whitney Boulevard (Account #05-161900-00)

Attached to this memo is a request from the property owner at 916 Whitney Boulevard for consideration of a water bill adjustment. The water meter at this location was read on February 8, 2017 and the reading indicated high usage. We went to the residence to double check the reading and could hear water running, so we shut the water off at the street because the house was vacant. We were advised on February 13th by the owners daughter that a pipe had burst in the basement. Based on the billing history, the residence has been vacant since December of 2015. The water leak has created a water bill in the amount of \$6,086.21, based on 147,700 cubic feet of usage.

An inspection was made of the property and we have determined that some of the water from the leak went down a shower drain in the basement and some of the water did seep out of the limestone foundation. The water got as deep as 14". Based on the inspection, I would recommend a credit of 50% of the sanitary sewer charges, in the amount of \$1,853.61, for a total revised bill of \$4,232.60.

We will work with the property owner to establish a payment plan to resolve the outstanding balance.

Rosanna Salazar

916 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere, IL 61008

May 1, 2017

Brent Anderson
City of Belvidere, Water and Sewer
401 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere, IL 61008

Dear Brent Anderson:

This letter will serve as a summary of telephone conversations and as a request to please review my water account and help me lower the dollar amount of \$6,086.21, due to a water pipe leak in 2016. Per numerous phone conversations with you, you had determined that most of the water had gone down the shower, which is attached to the sewer line.

Upon looking and examining the basement, with my son, Juan, you estimated that not all the water had gone down the shower drain. You then spoke to my daughter, Cassandra, while I was in the hospital, and gave her an amount of \$4,232.60, sewer \$3,707.22 half is \$1,853.61 and water \$2,365.99. I still feel that this amount is excessive.

It looks to me that these are all estimated amounts and that you don't have an accurate physical meter reading showing how much water specifically went down the sewer drain. I happen to know my basement, as I have previously dealt with water getting into the basement. A lot of times, I would use a bucket to clear the water, but most of the time, it would just seep through the foundation or evaporate in 2 or 3 days.

There was also a water mark line on one of the walls, indicating that the water had been sitting there for a while and not constantly draining down the sewer drain.

My other concern, is that, wasn't there a water pressure difference in that area, or any sign indicating something was wrong, because my bill had gone from below \$20.00 to \$6,000.00? If my water usage was so high, "like 2 water towers" as you mentioned, then why was there not a water shortage. Was there no way of detecting this? Could this have been the City's oversight?

Please review my account with the committee and let me know what steps we need to take to clear this matter up. Please take into consideration, that I am on disability, my home insurance was cancelled due to this issue, not paying my claim and now I have a huge hospital bill (\$102,866.90) due to being in the ICU at St. Anthony from 3-28-17 to 4-4-17.

Thank you for your attention.

Rosanna Salazar/res

Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Brent Anderson, Director of Public Works
Date: 5/3/2017
Re: Backhoe Replacement – Water Department

The current Water Department budget includes \$150,000 in the capital line item for the purchase of a new backhoe to replace our 1997 Ford New Holland backhoe that has 11,986 hours.

We have received the following bids for a new 2017 backhoe:

1. West Side Tractor Sales 3110 Prairie Road Rockford, IL 61102	2017 John Deere 410L	\$116,755.12
2. Miller-Bradford & Risberg, Inc W250 N6851 Hwy 164 Sussex, WI 53089	2017 Case 590	\$117,673.00
3. Patten Industries 5055 South Main Street Rockford, IL 61102	2017 Caterpillar 430F2	\$123,160.00

I would recommend approval of the low bid from West Side Tractor Sales, for a 2017 John Deere 410L backhoe, in the amount of \$116,755.12. This equipment will be paid for from the Water Department Capital Fund (#61-1750).

I would also recommend authorization to sell our 1997 Ford New Holland backhoe and our 1986 Caterpillar backhoe.



Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Brent Anderson, Director of Public Works
Date: 5/3/2017
Re: Tree/Brush Chipper Replacement – Street Department

The current Street Department budget includes \$75,000 in the capital line item for the purchase of a new tree/brush chipper to replace our 1991 Eager Beaver chipper.

We have received the following bids for a new 2017 chipper:

1. Atlas Bobcat LLC 1160 McCabe Ave Elk Grove Village, IL 60007	2017 Bandit 18XP Gas 2017 Bandit 15XP Diesel	\$53,383.36 \$60,888.00
2. Vermeer-Illinois, Inc 2801 Beverly Drive Aurora, IL 60502	2017 Vermeer BC1500(T4F)	\$63,824.00
3. Alexander Equipment Co, Inc 4728 Yender Avenue Lisle, IL 60532	2017 Morbark Beaver M15R(T4i) 2017 Morbark Beaver M15R(T4F)	\$68,635.53 \$70,911.72

The Street Department has been able to use each of these machines and the Vermeer is by far the best in our opinion. The Vermeer is the only unit that has vertical feed drums. The other units, as well as our existing chipper, have horizontal feed drums. Instead of having to jam the branches into the horizontal drums, the vertical feed drums allow an employee to simply place the branches into the feed hopper and they basically feed themselves.

I would recommend approval of the bid from Vermeer-Illinois, for a 2017 Vermeer BC1500 Chipper, in the amount of \$63,824.00. This equipment will be paid for from the Street Department Capital Fund (#41-5-752-8200).

I would also recommend authorization to sell our 1991 Eager Beaver chipper and our 1979 GMC 7000 chipper truck.

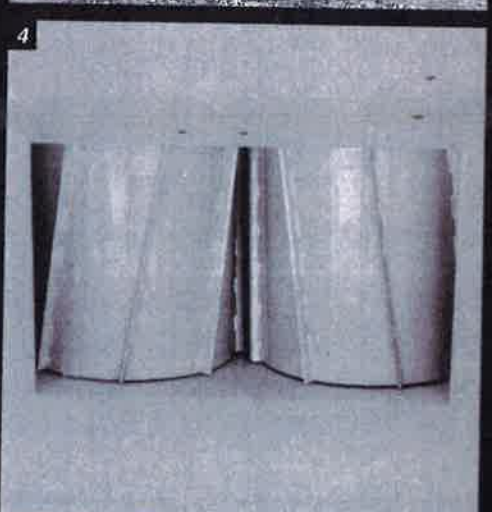


BC1500 BRUSH CHIPPER

BC1500 BRUSH CHIPPER

Vermeer





5

**3 YEAR/
3000 HOUR
WARRANTY**



