



VICTOR STAFF REPORT

Decision Item Agenda Documentation

PREPARATION DATE: January 3, 2019

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2019

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: Robert M. Heuseveldt, P.E., CFM

PRESENTER: Robert M. Heuseveldt, P.E., CFM

SUBJECT: 220 South Main Water Leak

Re: Applicable Victor Values:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Culturally Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable | <input type="checkbox"/> Connected to Nature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Town Feel | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Friendly | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Need |

STATEMENT/PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to request that City Council approve the reduction in usage fees until the property owner can fix a water leak.

BACKGROUND/ALTERNATIVES

A leak has been discovered at the address listed above. Please see the attached letter. Digging up the leak between the building and the water meter during winter presents several challenges because of the cold weather conditions. When situations like this arise, staff assesses the leak to determine the size of the leak and if it can be fixed in the spring when the conditions are more suitable. Staff has completed their assessment and recommends that the repairs be postponed until spring. In the past the City has approved a reduction in the usage fee to match the fees from the previous year prior to the leak. Once the leak has been repaired the billing goes back to its metered amount.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC INTENT

Sustainable

ATTACHMENTS

Letter from Property Owner dated January 2, 2019

FISCAL IMPACT

The reduction reduces the bill by approximately \$357 per month for 4 months.

STAFF IMPACT

None

LEGAL REVIEW

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that a reduction in the usage fee be granted to match the fees of the previous year until the leak can be repaired as early as the weather permits.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to approve a fee reduction for 220 South Main Until the leak can be repaired in April of 2019.

January 2, 2019

City of Victor
Victor, ID 83455

Victor City Council:

This letter is to let the City know that we have discovered a leak between the water meter in the sidewalk and the main shut-off valve to the building.

On November 26, 2018 we commenced on a laundry improvement project for General Laundry. The project involved remodeling the laundry island where the main water supply comes into the building. Upon demolition of the island, the main supply line was found vibrating with the sound of running water when no water was being used inside the building. The following day, a plumber and myself turned off the main supply to the building, removed the meter cover in the sidewalk and discovered the meter was still running. The conclusion of the plumber and myself is that there is a leak between the two locations.

We have owned the building since May of 2017, and examination of the past water bills, it appears that the leak may have been happening at the time to purchase, but until the line is repaired, we will not be sure.

The plumber stated that excavation during the winter months would be difficult and very costly. Therefore, our intention is to begin the repair on April 1, 2019 if weather permits. Earlier repair could be pursued if weather permits.

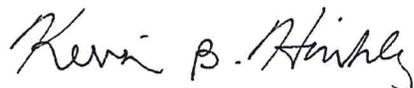
In the meantime, we are concerned about this leak as well as the cost for the use of water until the repair is made.

I have spoken with the City Engineer, Rob Heuseveldt last week. He was going to look into our water use as well as the number of users assigned to the building. He had also advised me that the water meter is owned by the City of Victor, and located State of Idaho right of way.

Therefore, we would like to work with the City of Victor to make arrangements for the repair. Can the City work with us to complete the process, and recommend any contractors the City prefers to work with? Finally, can there be any reduction in our monthly bill be granted from the City until we complete the repair? We would be happy to make a request at the upcoming January 9 City Council meeting.

Any questions, please call (425) 522-4150 or my wife Deb at (307) 413-5360.

Sincerely,



Kevin B. Hinklev