Village of Naperville
Resolution No. R-05-11

RESOLUTION NO. 05-11

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT ACTIONS BY PASSING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES A WATER RATE REDUCTION

WHEREAS, the DuPage Water Commission [Commission] is a water commission organized, existing and operating under the Water Commission Act (70 ILCS 3720/1 *et. seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered under the law to finance, construct, acquire and operate a water supply system to serve municipalities in its territory; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's territory consists of over 300 square miles and encompasses a population of approximately 857,497 including twenty-five municipal customers; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that in the current fiscal year, FY04-05 the Commission will collect approximately $43,729,824 million from wholesale water rates paid by the municipal members;

WHEREAS, in the current fiscal year, the Commission reports an ending unrestricted use fund surplus in excess of $119,634,934, almost three times the revenue generated from water rates; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is in the process of approving a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and Annual Management Budget, which proposes a wholesale water rate reduction; and

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WHEREAS, it is fiscally prudent to reduce the unrestricted use fund surplus to approximately $25 million through a wholesale rate reduction, which will directly impact the fiscal health of the Commission's customers; and

WHEREAS, at the Water Commission meeting on February 10, 2005, the Commission approved several motions to direct the Commission's fiscal policies in a more prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Naperville budgeted $10,500,000 for the Water Commission in the most recent fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2005, the Commission voted to reduce the current wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1000 gallons, which will result in a 12.1% savings directly to the $10,500,000 budgeted by the City of Naperville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Naperville supports the actions of the Water Commission on February 10, 2005 and urges the Commission to implement the actions through approval of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget including implementation of the 12.1% reduction in the current wholesale water rate effective May 1, 2005; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE, in DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS that:

SECTION ONE: The recitals set forth above shall be and are hereby incorporated as if said recitals were fully set forth within this Section One.

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Naperville express support for the reduction in the Water Commission wholesale water rate from the present $1.65 per 1000 gallons to $1.45 per 1000 gallons with this rate remaining in effect for the next five-year period through Fiscal Year 2009-2010; and

SECTION THREE: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Naperville express support for the reduction in the unrestricted cash balance for all Water Commission funds to the target amount of $25 million during the next five year period; and

SECTION FOUR: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Naperville express support for the construction and operation of emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station by the end of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 contingent upon the City of Chicago's commitment to provide 20% water purchase credit for the construction and operation of similar emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Lexington Water Pumping Station by the end of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

SECTION FIVE: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Naperville express support for the elimination of the proposed revolving loan program for construction of water mains in the unincorporated areas of their municipalities in deference to reducing and maintaining a reduced wholesale water rate.

SECTION SIX: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Naperville express support for delaying construction and operation of the 30 million gallon water reservoir addition at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station in deference to reducing, and maintaining a reduced rate, the wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION SEVEN: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Naperville direct the Mayor, A. George Pradel, to read this Resolution at the next meeting of the Board and to pursue decisions consistent herewith.

SECTION EIGHT: The City Clerk is directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Michael P. Vondra, Chairman of the Commission.

SECTION NINE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this 1st day of March, 2005.

AYES: BOYAJIAN, ELLINGSON, FIORE, FURSTENAU, KRAUSE, ROSANOVA, SENGER, PRADEL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MACRANE

APPROVED this 2nd day of March, 2005.

A. George Pradel
A. George Pradel
Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne L. Gagner
Suzanne L. Gagner, CMC
City Clerk

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passed March 1, 2005

This was sent to
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City of Oakbrook Terrace
Resolution No. R-04-24

RESOLUTION NO. R04 - 24

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT ACTIONS BY PASSING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES A WATER RATE REDUCTION

WHEREAS, the DuPage Water Commission [Commission] is a water commission organized, existing and operating under the Water Commission Act (70 ILCS 3720/1 *et. seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered under the law to finance, construct, acquire and operate a water supply system to serve municipalities in its territory; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's territory consists of over 300 square miles and encompasses a population of approximately 857,497 including twenty-five municipal customers; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that in the current fiscal year, FY04-05 the Commission will collect approximately $43,729,824 million from wholesale water rates paid by the municipal members;

WHEREAS, in the current fiscal year, the Commission reports an ending unrestricted use fund surplus in excess of $119,634,934, almost three times the revenue generated from water rates; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is in the process of approving a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and Annual Management Budget, which proposes a wholesale water rate reduction; and

WHEREAS, it is fiscally prudent to reduce the unrestricted use fund surplus to approximately $25 million through a wholesale rate reduction, which will directly impact the fiscal health of the Commission's customers; and

WHEREAS, at the Commission meeting on February 10, 2005, the Commission approved several motions to direct the Commission's fiscal policies in a more prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakbrook Terrace budgeted $150,000.00 for the purchase of water from the Commission in the most recent fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2005, the Commission voted to reduce the current wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1000 gallons, which will result in a savings directly to the Water Fund Budget of the City of Oakbrook Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakbrook Terrace supports the actions of the Commission on February 10, 2005 and urges the Commission to implement the actions through approval of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget including implementation of the 12.1% reduction in the current wholesale water rate effective May 1, 2005; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS that:

SECTION ONE: The recitals set forth above shall be and are hereby incorporated as if said recitals were fully set forth within this Section One.

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities of Oakbrook Terrace express support for the reduction in the Water Commission wholesale water rate from the present $1.65 per 1000

gallons to $1.45 per 1000 gallons with this rate remaining in effect for the next five-year period through Fiscal Year 2009-2010; and

SECTION THREE: The Corporate Authorities of Oakbrook Terrace express support for the reduction in the unrestricted cash balance for all Water Commission funds to the target amount of $25 million during the next five (5) year period; and

SECTION FOUR: The Corporate Authorities of Oakbrook Terrace express support for the construction and operation of emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station by the end of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 contingent upon the City of Chicago's commitment to provide a 20% water purchase credit for the construction and operation of similar emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Lexington Water Pumping Station by the end of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

SECTION FIVE: The Corporate Authorities of Oakbrook Terrace express support for the elimination of the proposed revolving loan program for construction of water mains in the unincorporated areas of their municipalities in deference to reducing and maintaining a reduced wholesale water rate.

SECTION SIX: The Corporate Authorities of Oakbrook Terrace express support for delaying construction and operation of the 30 million gallon water reservoir addition at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station in deference to reducing, and maintaining a reduced rate, the wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1,000 gallons.

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SECTION SEVEN: The Corporate Authorities of Oakbrook Terrace direct the Mayor or City Administrator to pursue decisions consistent herewith.

SECTION EIGHT: The City Clerk is directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Michael P. Vondra, Chairman of the Commission.

SECTION NINE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd **day of** February **, 2005.**

AYES: Thomas, Vargas, M. Bojan, Sarallo, Durham, J. Bojan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: No one

Thomas S. Mazaika
Thomas S. Mazaika, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elaine K. DeLuca
Elaine K. DeLuca, City Clerk

Mayor
THOMAS S. MAZAIKA

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I, Elaine K. De Luca, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Oakbrook Terrace, Du Page County, Illinois, and as such officer, I am the keeper of the records and files of the City Council of said City of Oakbrook Terrace, and I do certify as follows:

That this is a true copy of Resolution No. R04-24 - A Resolution supporting recent actions by the DuPage Water Commission and urging the Commission to implement the recent actions by passing a budget that includes a water rate deduction, adopted on the 22nd day of February 2005, by the City Council of the City of Oakbrook Terrace at their regularly scheduled meeting of February 22, 2005.

Witness whereof I have hereto affixed my official hand and seal of the City on this 25th day of February, 2005.

Elaine K. De Luca
CITY CLERK

Village of Roselle
Resolution No. 2005-1362

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-1362

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT ACTIONS BY PASSING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES A WATER RATE REDUCTION

WHEREAS, the DuPage Water Commission [Commission] is a water commission organized, existing and operating under the Water Commission Act (70 ILCS 3720/1 *et. seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered under the law to finance, construct, acquire and operate a water supply system to serve municipalities in its territory; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's territory consists of over 300 square miles and encompasses a population of approximately 857,497 including twenty-five municipal customers; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that in the current fiscal year, FY04-05 the Commission will collect approximately $43,729,824 million from wholesale water rates paid by the municipal members;

WHEREAS, in the current fiscal year, the Commission reports an ending unrestricted use fund surplus in excess of $119,634,934, almost three times the revenue generated from water rates; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is in the process of approving a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and Annual Management Budget, which proposes a wholesale water rate reduction; and

WHEREAS, it is fiscally prudent to reduce the unrestricted use fund surplus to approximately $25 million through a wholesale rate reduction, which will directly impact the fiscal health of the Commission's customers; and

WHEREAS, at the Water Commission meeting on February 10, 2005, the Commission approved several motions to direct the Commission's fiscal policies in a more prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Roselle budgeted $1,360,000 for the Water Commission in the most recent fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2005, the Commission voted to reduce the current wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1000 gallons, which will result in a 12.1% savings directly to the $1,360,000 budgeted by the Village of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Roselle supports the actions of the Water Commission on February 10, 2005 and urges the Commission to implement the actions through approval of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget including implementation of the 12.1% reduction in the current wholesale water rate effective May 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Roselle, at its February 28, 2005 Village Board meeting, by majority vote, decided to directly pass on such DuPage Water Commission rate reduction to water customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Village President and Board of Trustees, Village of Roselle, DUPAGE and COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS that:

SECTION ONE: The recitals set forth above shall be and are hereby incorporated as if said recitals were fully set forth within this Section One.

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Roselle express support for the reduction in the Water Commission wholesale water rate from the present $1.65 per 1000 gallons to $1.45 per 1000 gallons with this rate remaining in effect for the next five-year period through Fiscal Year 2009-2010; and

SECTION THREE: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Roselle express support for the reduction in the unrestricted cash balance for all Water Commission funds to the target amount of $25 million during the next five year period; and

SECTION FOUR: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Roselle express support for the construction and operation of emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station by the end of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 contingent upon the City of Chicago's commitment to provide 20% water purchase credit for the construction and operation of similar emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Lexington Water Pumping Station by the end of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

SECTION FIVE: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Roselle express support for the elimination of the proposed revolving loan program for construction of water mains in the unincorporated areas of their municipalities in deference to reducing and maintaining a reduced wholesale water rate.

SECTION SIX: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Roselle express support for delaying construction and operation of the 30 million gallon water reservoir addition at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station in deference to reducing, and maintaining a reduced rate, the wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION SEVEN: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Roselle direct the Mayor to read this Resolution at the next meeting of the Board and to pursue decisions consistent herewith.

SECTION EIGHT: The Village Clerk is directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Michael P. Vondra, Chairman of the Commission.

SECTION NINE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this 28th day of February, 2005.

AYES: Tornatore, Sass, Rhode, Eckert

NAYS: Devlin

ABSTAIN: Stephens

ABSENT: None

Gayle A. Smolinski

Gayle A. Smolinski
Village President

ATTEST:

Linda McDermott

Linda J. McDermott
Village Clerk

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)SS
COUNTIES OF COOK)
AND DUPAGE)

I, LINDA McDERMOTT, the Village Clerk of the Village of Roselle, in the Counties of Cook and DuPage, in the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the following, hereinafter described is a true and correct copy of the original document which is part of the records of my office as Village Clerk:

Resolution No. 2005-1362 – Resolution Supporting Recent Actions by the DuPage Water Commission and Urging the Commission to Implement the Recent Actions by Passing a Budget That Includes a Water Rate Reduction

I, LINDA McDERMOTT, do hereby subscribe my name as Village Clerk and affix the Official Corporate Seal of the Village of Roselle on this 3rd day of March, 2005.

Linda McDermott
Linda McDermott, Village Clerk

(SEAL)

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March 3, 2005

Mr. Michael P. Vondra
Chairman
DuPage Water Commission
600 E. Butterfield Rd.
Elmhurst, IL. 60126-4642

Dear Mr. Vondra:

Enclosed is a certified copy of **Resolution No. 2005-1362**, Supporting Recent Actions by the DuPage Water Commission and Urging the Commission to Implement the Recent Actions by Passing a Budget That Includes a Water Rate Reduction.

This Resolution was adopted by our Village Board of Trustees on February 28, 2005.

Sincerely,

Linda McDermott

Linda J. McDermott, CMC
Village Clerk

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Enclosure

Village of Wheaton
Resolution No. R-18-05

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-05

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT ACTIONS BY PASSING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES A WATER RATE REDUCTION

WHEREAS, the DuPage Water Commission [Commission] is a water commission organized, existing and operating under the Water Commission Act (70 ILCS 3720/1 *et. seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered under the law to finance, construct, acquire and operate a water supply system to serve municipalities in its territory; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's territory consists of over 300 square miles and encompasses a population of approximately 857,497 including twenty-five municipal customers; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that in the current fiscal year, FY04-05 the Commission will collect approximately $43,729,824 million from wholesale water rates paid by the municipal members;

WHEREAS, in the current fiscal year, the Commission reports an ending unrestricted use fund surplus in excess of $119,634,934, almost three times the revenue generated from water rates; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is in the process of approving a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and Annual Management Budget, which proposes a wholesale water rate reduction; and

WHEREAS, it is fiscally prudent to reduce the unrestricted use fund surplus to approximately $25 million through a wholesale rate reduction, which will directly impact the fiscal health of the Commission's customers; and

WHEREAS, at the Water Commission meeting on February 10, 2005, the Commission approved several motions to direct the Commission's fiscal policies in a more prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton budgeted $2,940,000 for the Water Commission in the most recent fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2005, the Commission voted to reduce the current wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1000 gallons, which will result in a 12.1% savings directly to the $2,940,000 budgeted by the City of Wheaton; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton supports the actions of the Water Commission on February 10, 2005 and urges the Commission to implement the actions through approval of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget including implementation of the 12.1% reduction in the current wholesale water rate effective May 1, 2005; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEATON, in DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS that:

SECTION ONE: The recitals set forth above shall be and are hereby incorporated as if said recitals were fully set forth within this Section One.

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton express support for the reduction in the Water Commission wholesale water rate from the present $1.65 per 1000 gallons to $1.45 per 1000 gallons with this rate remaining in effect for the next five-year period through Fiscal Year 2009-2010; and

SECTION THREE: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton express support for the reduction in the unrestricted cash balance for all Water Commission funds to the target amount of $25 million during the next five year period; and

SECTION FOUR: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton express support for the construction and operation of emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station by the end of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 contingent upon the City of Chicago's commitment to provide 20% water purchase credit for the construction and operation of similar emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Lexington Water Pumping Station by the end of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

SECTION FIVE: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton express support for the elimination of the proposed revolving loan program for construction of water mains in the unincorporated areas of their municipalities in deference to reducing and maintaining a reduced wholesale water rate.

SECTION SIX: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton express support for delaying construction and operation of the 30 million gallon water reservoir addition at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station in deference to reducing, and maintaining a reduced rate, the wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION SEVEN: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton direct the District 4 Representative to read this Resolution at the next meeting of the Board and to pursue decisions consistent herewith.

SECTION EIGHT: The City Clerk is directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Michael P. Vondra, Chairman of the Commission.

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SECTION NINE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2005.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Councilman Mork
Councilman Mouhelis
Councilwoman Corry
Councilman Johnson
Mayor Carr
Councilwoman Johnson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Bolds

Motion Carried Unanimously

Village of Willowbrook
Resolution No. 05-R-06

RESOLUTION NO. 05-R-06

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT ACTIONS BY PASSING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES A WATER RATE REDUCTION

WHEREAS, the DuPage Water Commission [Commission] is a water commission organized, existing and operating under the Water Commission Act (70 ILCS 3720/1 *et. seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered under the law to finance, construct, acquire and operate a water supply system to serve municipalities in its territory; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's territory consists of over 300 square miles and encompasses a population of approximately 857,497 including twenty-five municipal customers; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that in the current fiscal year, FY04-05 the Commission will collect approximately $43,729,824 from wholesale water rates paid by the municipal members; and

WHEREAS, in the current fiscal year, the Commission reports an ending unrestricted use fund surplus in excess of $119,634,934, almost three times the revenue generated from water rates; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is in the process of approving a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and Annual Management Budget, which proposes a wholesale water rate reduction; and

WHEREAS, it is fiscally prudent to reduce the unrestricted use fund surplus to approximately $25 million through

Elmhurst Water Pumping Station in deference to reducing, and maintaining a reduced rate, the wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION SEVEN: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Willowbrook direct the Village Administrator to read this Resolution at the next meeting of the Board and to pursue decisions consistent herewith.

SECTION EIGHT: The City Clerk is directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Michael P. Vondra, Chairman of the Commission.

SECTION NINE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 28th day of February, 2005.

APPROVED:

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: 6 Baker, Napoli, Brown, Landsman, Schoenbeck, McMahon

NAYS: 0 None

ABSTENTIONS: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

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March 1, 2005

Michael P. Vondra, Chairman
DuPage Water Commission
600 E. Butterfield Road
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126-4642

Dear Chairman Vondra:

At the regular meeting of February 28, 2005, the President and Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 05-R-06 entitled, "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT ACTIONS BY PASSING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES A WATER RATE REDUCTION." Please find enclosed a certified copy of Resolution No. 05-R-06 for your records.

Should you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Mary Partyka

Mary Partyka
Deputy Clerk

Enclosure

March 1, 2005

I, PATRICK T. SPATAFORE, VILLAGE CLERK FOR THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-R-06 ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION SUPORTING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT ACTIONS BY PASSING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES A WATER RATE REDUCTION", ALL OF WHICH APPEARS FROM THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 2005.

Patrick T. Spatafore by Mary Dachna

Patrick T. Spatafore
Village Clerk

Deputy Clerk

Village of Winfield
Resolution No. 2005-3

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-3

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT ACTIONS BY PASSING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES A WATER RATE REDUCTION

WHEREAS, the DuPage Water Commission [Commission] is a water commission organized, existing and operating under the Water Commission Act (70 ILCS 3720/1 *et. seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered under the law to finance, construct, acquire and operate a water supply system to serve municipalities in its territory; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's territory consists of over 300 square miles and encompasses a population of approximately 857,497 including twenty-five municipal customers; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that in the current fiscal year, FY04-05 the Commission will collect approximately $43,729,824 million from wholesale water rates paid by the municipal members;

WHEREAS, in the current fiscal year, the Commission reports an ending unrestricted use fund surplus in excess of $119,634,934, almost three times the revenue generated from water rates; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is in the process of approving a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and Annual Management Budget, which proposes a wholesale water rate reduction; and

WHEREAS, it is fiscally prudent to reduce the unrestricted use fund surplus to approximately $25 million through a wholesale rate reduction, which will directly impact the fiscal health of the Commission's customers; and

WHEREAS, at the Water Commission meeting on February 10, 2005, the Commission approved several motions to direct the Commission's fiscal policies in a more prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Winfield budgeted $743,916 for the Water Commission in the most recent fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2005, the Commission voted to reduce the current wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1000 gallons, which will result in a 12.1% savings directly to the $743,916 budgeted by the Village of Winfield; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Winfield supports the actions of the Water Commission on February 10, 2005 and urges the Commission to implement the actions through approval of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget including implementation of the 12.1% reduction in the current wholesale water rate effective May 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, if the Water Commission ultimately approves a rate reduction to the member municipalities, including the Village of Winfield, then it is the desire and intent of this Village Board to pass the savings on to the residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF WINFIELD, in DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS that:

SECTION ONE: The recitals set forth above shall be and are hereby incorporated as if said recitals were fully set forth within this Section One.

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Winfield express support for the reduction in the Water Commission wholesale water rate from the present $1.65 per 1000 gallons to $1.45 per 1000 gallons with this rate remaining in effect for the next five-year period through Fiscal Year 2009-2010; and

SECTION THREE: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Winfield express support for the reduction in the unrestricted cash balance for all Water Commission funds to the target amount of $25 million during the next five year period; and

SECTION FOUR: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Winfield express support for the construction and operation of emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station by the end of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 contingent upon the City of Chicago's commitment to provide 20% water purchase credit for the construction and operation of similar emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Lexington Water Pumping Station by the end of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

SECTION FIVE: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Winfield express support for the elimination of the proposed revolving loan program for construction of water mains in the unincorporated areas of their municipalities in deference to reducing and maintaining a reduced wholesale water rate.

SECTION SIX: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Winfield express support for delaying construction and operation of the 30 million gallon water reservoir addition at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station in deference to reducing, and maintaining a reduced rate, the wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION SEVEN: The City Clerk is directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Michael P. Vondra, Chairman of the Commission.

SECTION NINE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2005.

AYES: Czech, Levan, Mackowiak, ,McClow, Petitti

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianco

APPROVED this 3 day of March, 2005.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Cynthia J. Torraco
DEPUTY
VILLAGE CLERK

Village President
John D. Kirschbaum

Village Treasurer
George Fiegle

Village Manager
Gordon H. Cole

Chief of Police
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March 4, 2005

Mr. Mike Vondra, Chairman
DuPage Water Commission
600 E. Butterfield Road
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Dear Mr. Vondra:

Enclosed please find the Village of Winfield's Resolution #2005-3; A Resolution supporting recent actions by the DuPage Water Commission with respect to passing a budget that would include a water rate reduction. This Resolution was approved at the Winfield Village Board Meeting of March 3, 2005.

Please contact Gordon Cole, Village Manager if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Cindy Torraco

Cindy Torraco
Executive Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Enclosure
Cc: Gordon Cole, Village Manager

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Village of Woodridge
Resolution No. R16-2005

RESOLUTION NO.

R16-2005

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT ACTIONS BY PASSING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES A WATER RATE REDUCTION

WHEREAS; the DuPage Water Commission [Commission] is a water commission organized, existing and operating under the Water Commission Act (70 ILCS 3720/1 *et. seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered under the law to finance, construct, acquire and operate a water supply system to serve municipalities in its territory; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's territory consists of over 300 square miles and encompasses a population of approximately 857,497 including twenty-five municipal customers; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that in the current fiscal year, FY04-05 the Commission will collect approximately $43,729,824 million from wholesale water rates paid by the municipal members; and

WHEREAS, in the current fiscal year, the Commission reports an ending unrestricted use fund surplus in excess of $119,634,934, almost three times the revenue generated from water rates; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is in the process of approving a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and Annual Management Budget, which proposes a wholesale water rate reduction; and

WHEREAS, it is fiscally prudent to reduce the unrestricted use fund surplus to approximately $25 million through a wholesale rate reduction, which will directly impact the fiscal health of the Commission's customers; and

WHEREAS, at the Water Commission meeting on February 10, 2005, the Commission approved several motions to direct the Commission's fiscal policies in a more prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Woodridge budgeted $2,021,360 for the Water Commission in the most recent fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2005, the Commission voted to reduce the current wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1000 gallons, which will result in a 12.1% savings or $251,120 as identified in the Village of Woodridge's 2005-06 proposed budget; and

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WHEREAS, the Village of Woodridge supports the actions of the Water Commission on February 10, 2005 and urges the Commission to implement the actions through approval of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget including implementation of the 12.1% reduction in the current wholesale water rate effective May 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Woodridge plans to use the savings generated by the reduced wholesale rate to (1) reduce the retail rate for Woodridge residents and unincorporated customers by $.10/1000 gallons and provide greater ability to stabilize water rates; (2) fund homeland security improvements exceeding $110,000; and (3) extend water mains to serve residents in adjacent unincorporated areas; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE, DU PAGE, WILL AND COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, a home rule municipality in the exercise of its home rule powers, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The recitals set forth hereinabove shall be and are hereby incorporated as if said recitals were fully set forth within this Section One.

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Woodridge express support for the reduction in the Water Commission wholesale water rate from the present $1.65 per 1000 gallons to $1.45 per 1000 gallons with this rate remaining in effect for the next five-year period through Fiscal Year 2009-2010; and

SECTION THREE: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Woodridge express support for the reduction in the unrestricted cash balance for all Water Commission funds to the target amount of $25 million during the next five year period; and

SECTION FOUR: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Woodridge express support for the construction and operation of emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station by the end of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 contingent upon the City of Chicago's commitment to provide 20% water purchase credit for the construction and operation of similar emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Lexington Water Pumping Station by the end of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

SECTION FIVE: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Woodridge express support for the elimination of the proposed revolving loan program for construction of water mains in the unincorporated areas of their municipalities in deference to reducing and maintaining a reduced wholesale water rate.

SECTION SIX: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Woodridge express support for delaying construction and operation of the 30 million gallon water reservoir addition at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station in deference to reducing, and maintaining a reduced rate, the wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION SEVEN: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Woodridge direct Mayor William F. Murphy to read this Resolution at the next meeting of the Board and to pursue decisions consistent herewith.

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SECTION EIGHT: That the Village Clerk is directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Michael P. Vondra, Chairman of the Commission.

SECTION NINE: Any policy or resolution of the Village that conflicts with the provisions of this resolution shall be and is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION TEN: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2005.

Trustee Beavers	ABSENT	Trustee Kagann	AYE
Trustee Brandt	AYE	Trustee Szerlag	AYE
Trustee Frank	AYE	Trustee Wood	AYE
	Mayor Murphy	-	

APPROVED this 3rd day of March, 2005.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

Filed in the Office of the Village Clerk and published in pamphlet form by authority of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Woodridge, DuPage, Will, and Cook Counties, Illinois, this 3rd day of March, 2005.

Village Clerk

RESOLUTION

CB-0018-05

TO THE

DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the DuPage Water Commission has completed its revised capital plan for the DuPage County water distribution system and has planned for and accounted for all necessary future capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the current projection of surplus cash as stated in the DuPage Water Commission's Draft Five Year Capital Plan dated January 7, 2005 is over $119,000,000; and

WHEREAS, a countywide sales tax has contributed significantly to the current surplus at the Water Commission; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage Water Commission's capital plan as proposed and the projected annual expenditure for operation and maintenance together will not reduce the surplus in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the current operation and maintenance rate is subsidized by the sales tax collected from all County residents within the Water Commission's planning area; and

WHEREAS, it has been the position of the County Board that excessive reserves do not serve the best interests of the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, for many years it has been the goal and objective of the DuPage County Board to reduce the cost of government; and

WHEREAS, the County Board believes that the fundamental mission of the Water Commission is to provide clean, safe and affordable water to all citizens of DuPage County; and that the mission of the Water Commission will be in no way compromised by returning excessive reserves to the people of DuPage County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DuPage County Board supports the Commission's proposed wholesale rate decrease of twenty cents per 1,000 gallons, reducing the water rate charged to municipalities to $1.45 from $1.65 for a period of one year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DuPage County Board urges all municipalities receiving said rebate to pass on these reductions and savings as a rate reduction to all citizens and businesses within their individual communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DuPage County Board strongly recommends that a plan be developed to distribute surplus cash fairly and equitably to all municipalities within the sales tax boundary of the DuPage Water Commission's planning area including those who are not currently customers of the Water Commission, but have contributed to the sales tax pool; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to Members of the DuPage Water Commission, the DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference, DuPage Legislators and all DuPage Municipalities.

Enacted and approved this 8th day of March 2005 at Wheaton, Illinois.

_____
Robert J. Schillerstrom, Chairman
DuPage County Board

Attest: _____
Gary A. King, County Clerk

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Water commissioner shouldn't criticize
I would like to respond to an article in which a county-appointed DuPage Water Commission commissioner, Elizabeth Chaplin, criticized water rates charged by member municipalities. In October of 2004, Chaplin also criticized member municipalities, alleging they failed to turn over previously rebated water commission funds to taxpayers. If Chaplin had spent a few minutes checking her facts, she may have come to a different conclusion.

Prior to the rebates Addison received from the water commission, we were facing the prospect of water rate increases to fund numerous critical capital improvements to our utility system. After being informed of the rebate, our village board pledged that we would utilize the rebate to fund the projects and would freeze utility rates at their existing level. Our village board kept this promise for four full years.

In fact, during the 12-year period quoted in the article, our water rate increased 19 percent while the consumer price index increased more than 34 percent.

I should point out that while Chaplin has talked about contaminated water in unincorporated DuPage County, Addison has been quietly doing something about it. Since 1988, we have used the water rates, which Chaplin criticizes, to extend utility lines to many of the unincorporated neighborhoods in our planning area. These unincorporated areas now have the option of connecting to Lake Michigan water due to the foresight of the village of Addison.

I would like to compare our stewardship of water rates with Chaplin's stewardship as a member of the Water Commission. Chaplin was a vocal advocate of a project called TW-3. This project, proposed at a cost of more than $20 million, allegedly would have provided redundant service to the northwest portion of DuPage County. While Chaplin advocated that this project proceed as planned, a number of municipalities, including Addison, urged that the project be canceled. We believed there were serious questions about its need. Our concern was validated by a consulting engineer who informed the commission that the project was not needed. I was pleased to see a majority of the commissioners agree with our concerns and ultimately saved taxpayers a significant sum.

Chaplin is the last person who should be casting stones.

Joseph Block

Village Manager

Village of Addison

Energetic boost to Medinah parks
The Medinah Park District expresses its thanks to the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.

The foundation provided a grant that enabled the park district to install energy-efficient lighting upgrades in its gymnasium, multipurpose room and maintenance facility.

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Health department adds well-inspection staff

By Katie Foutz
staff writer

WHEATON — People with contaminated wells will finally have one person to go to when they want clean drinking water.

DuPage Board of Health members approved a job position Thursday that will be dedicated to testing private wells and setting up public water lines for those found with contamination.

In recent years, toxic chemicals were found contaminating wells near current or formerly industrial parts of Naperville, Lisle and Downers Grove.

Downers Grove resident Liz Chaplin lived with contaminated well water for nearly 10 years without knowing it. Then she and her neighbors worked for more than two years with Downers Grove, DuPage County, the DuPage Water Commission and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to get clean water connections.

"We were frustrated because ... TCE (trichloroethylene, a known carcinogen) had been found in public wells in Downers Grove and nobody had thought to mention to residents on private wells there could be possible contamination," she said.

Chaplin, now a DuPage water commissioner, said the well-sampling program and point person are long overdue. The health department previously did not have staff dedicated to sampling wells, though sanitarians responded to inspection requests such as when houses were being demolished.

The new job comes with a new program. This spring, the health department will launch the nation's first private well-testing program.

Board president Linda Kurzawa said the program is critical to public health because unsealed abandoned wells can be reactivated.

"The abandoned wells are probably the greatest risk to groundwater," she said. "If we don't seal the abandoned wells, we're kind of leaving the door open to problems."

Within one year, environmental health services director Tad Koeune hopes to get every well in the county tested for volatile organic chemicals and cap at least 650 of them in 2005. Last year, the department sealed 1,134 abandoned wells.

The first wells to be tested are those that serve a large population, wells in a dense cluster, wells that are people's sole source of drinking water, and wells that have potential for contamination, Koeune said.

The new sanitarian position would pay $43,989 plus benefits. Koeune said the well-sealing fees would eventually cover the position's costs. This year's fee is $75, but that is going up to $100 in 2006.

The position will last only as long as the well-sampling project lasts, about three to four years.

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Utility rate increases recommended to city

But water cost reduction could end up lowering residents' bills

By Colt Foutz
staff writer

When does a rate increase result in the average Naperville resident paying less for water and electricity? When the city's first utility rate hikes in more than a decade are accompanied by a DuPage Water Commission proposal to live with less revenue.

AT A GLANCE
What: City Council workshop
When: 3:30 p.m. today

Where: Basement meeting rooms, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

On the agenda: Central Park redevelopment, utility rate study

Today, the City Council will review reports from a studies of Naperville's utility rates for electricity, water and wastewater. The city has not increased its electricity rates since 1991, with rate decreases in 1993 and 1995, according to a city memo from Allan Poole, public utilities director. Water and wastewater rates have not increased since 1992, with a water-rate reduction in 1997.

The studies — conducted by Virchow Krause and Co. of Madison, Wis., for electricity and Burns and McDonnell Engineering Co. of Kansas City for water — show electricity revenues are sufficient to retain the city's debt-service ratio for the next two years, while water rates need to be increased immediately.

But a 20-cent reduction being considered by the Water Commission to the wholesale water rate it charges municipalities could lower the overall utility bill for Naperville customers, according to Poole's memo.

On the electricity side, Virchow Krause recommends a redistribution of the rate burden with 1 percent decreases to residential, large general service and general service customers, and 9 percent increases to primary metering and transmission customers, according to the memo.

On the water side, Burns and McDonnell recommends a 3.25 percent increase to water rate revenues and a 7.8 percent hike for wastewater revenues, both effective May 1. But according to Poole's memo, if the Water Commission follows through on its February vote to reduce its wholesale water rate from $1.65 to $1.45, the city can institute a 4.9 percent reduction on the water-rate side.

For example, without the Water Commission reduction, Burns and McDonnell recommends the average monthly residential water and wastewater bill increase from $43.66 to $45.97. The monthly electric bill would decrease by about 1 percent, from $66.10 to $65.50, resulting in a total monthly utility bill to the average Naperville resident of $111.47 — an increase of $1.71 per month or $20.52 per year, according to the memo.

But if the Water Commission follows through with a reduction when it considers its own rate in March and April, the average utility bill could decrease from $109.76 to $109.52 — a drop of 24 cents per month or $2.88 per year, according to the memo.

Electric customers, take note. Poole's memo points out the city will likely undergo another electric-rate study prior to contracting with a new wholesale electric supplier in summer 2007. Purchase rates will likely increase then, according to the memo.

Any changes in the rate are scheduled for a City Council vote in April.

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Council could hit businesses with electric rate hike

By Colt Foutz
staff writer

Some Naperville companies could be hit with an electric rate hike earlier than residents, as the city waits for changes coming in 2007 in the way it purchases power.

But what the city does with water rates depends on the DuPage Water Commission.

During a workshop meeting Monday, the City Council reviewed the results of utility rate studies illustrating what it costs the city to provide electricity, water and wastewater services, and how much revenue it needs to recoup to cover those costs.

Electric rates have not increased since 1991, with reductions in 1993 and 1995. During that time, residents have enjoyed prices that average about 19.5 percent lower than what ComEd charges, according to Allan Poole, director of public utilities.

The study shows the city can meet its expenses and cover its debt-service ratio for the next two years with existing electricity rates, but some customers are underpaying for city services, according to Poole.

The city's eight primary metering customers — Edward Hospital, BP, Lucent, Tellabs, Kraft, Phoenix Closures, Tabor Hills and the city's own Springbrook Water Reclamation Center — pay $7.9 million for electricity that costs the city $9.3 million to deliver. The city's rates for these customers are about 31 percent lower than ComEd's, Poole said.

So the city is proposing rate hikes of 9 percent to these customers, plus one transmission customer. Councilmen Darlene Senger and David Fiore were hesitant to pass the hike.

"The last thing I want to see done is have (another business) pick up and leave because they can no longer afford to stay here," Senger said.

For the most part, though, Councilman Richard Furstenau argued, these businesses can afford the hike, and they won't find a better rate anywhere else.

The council will formally consider the hike in April. Not likely to be on the agenda is a proposed 1 percent reduction for residential, large general service and general service customers. Furstenau and others thought 1 percent too narrow a margin to calculate what works and what doesn't.

Meanwhile, the city is preparing for a change in purchasing bulk power in 2007, when a new study will be prepared and rates will likely increase for everyone, Poole said.

On the water side, rates have not increased since 1992, with a rate reduction in 1997. Studies proposed hikes of 7.8 percent for wastewater and 3.25 percent for water.

But the DuPage Water Commission is set to consider a 20-cent reduction in the rate it charges the city to purchase water. If the commission passes that measure April 14, the council could end up lowering rates by 4.9 percent, Poole said. The council opted to wait and see.

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Wheaton supports reduction in water rates

By James Fuller Daily Herald Staff Writer
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Wheaton residents may soon see an increase in their liquid assets if the DuPage Water Commission budgets a proposed 20-cent water rate cut.

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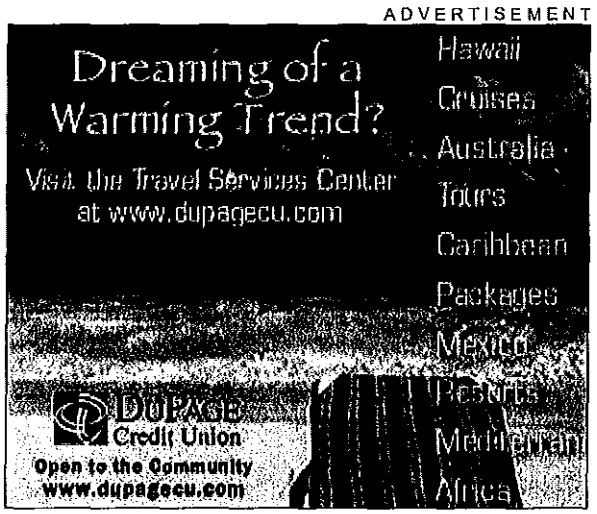

The Wheaton City Council asked city staff to investigate how much of the commission's rate cut the city could actually trickle down into residents' wallets Monday.

The water commission is considering a 20-cent rate cut to reduce its savings from $118 million to a more conservative $25 million. The commission must adopt the cut as part of its budget by April 30 for it to actually happen.

Wheaton council members passed a resolution 6-0 supporting the rate reduction Monday. Councilman Alan Bolds was absent. The resolution mimicked recent actions taken by Carol Stream with other communities expected to follow.

City Manager Don Rose said he wanted to actually see to the commission adopt the rate cut into the budget before getting too excited, but Wheaton residents should directly benefit if it happens.

"I think at this level it's worth considering," Rose said. He estimated a 20-cent cut in the water rate by the commission would translate into the city paying $380,000 less for the water it receives.

But that doesn't necessarily translate into a dollar-for-dollar rebate to Wheaton residents.

The city must take into account any possible upgrades and repairs it must make to its local pipe network.

History shows that the city hasn't dropped or raised its water rate to pay for those infrastructure concerns in the past.

In fact, Wheaton already has one of the lowest water rates among the 25 communities that are members of the water commission. At $3.14 per 1,000 gallons, only Lisle, Naperville and Oak Brook sell water cheaper. The cost of water in Wheaton has remained the same since at least 1993, research shows.

The water commission meets again Thursday, but a vote on the budget and rate cut

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City council: We'll wait on water rates

By Jake Griffin Daily Herald Staff Writer
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Whether Naperville residents get any type of utility rate reduction now depends on the DuPage Water Commission.

The Naperville City Council will wait to see if that body lowers its rate by 20 cents by April 14 before the city institutes a new water rate.

If the water commission approves the reduction of Lake Michigan water to $1.45 per 1,000 gallons, Naperville residents could see a 4.9 percent average reduction in their monthly water bills. If not, they'll more likely see an increase of 3.25 percent. In dollars and cents, that's either an extra $1.17 a month residents keep, or 78 cents more they pay.

The council decided on the wait-and-see approach at a Monday afternoon workshop. Some councilmen were worried the commission wouldn't reduce the rate.

"Some of these commissioners don't want to vote a rate reduction in because most municipalities have not passed the savings on to taxpayers," Councilman Richard Furstenau said.

Naperville Director of Public Utilities Allan Poole is the finance chairman of the water commission and believes the initiative will pass.

"The commission can reduce it and be fine," he said. "And it's fine for the city to wait on (the commission's) decision before deciding on the city's rate. We've got time."

The city needs to increase the rate for both water and waste water to ensure reserve funds stay at levels to keep the city's superior bond and insurance ratings intact.

Before discussion about water and waste water rates, the council shot down plans to decrease the city's electric utility rate by 1 percent for residents.

Many councilmen were concerned the rate reduction would have little impact and the extra 1 percent could be used to offset a likely increase in that utility rate in two years.

"It looks like were lowering rates now and then saying, 'Oops, sorry, we were wrong about that and now we're going to raise your rates,'" Councilman James Boyajian said.

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Naperville provides electricity for all taxpayers through a bulk power contract with ComEd, but that 20-year deal expires in May of 2007. Like shopping wholesale, the rates are cheaper for taxpayers because it is bought in bulk, Poole said.

He told the council the contract has saved Naperville taxpayers more than $150 million since 1992.

Large corporations and entities that own and operate their own electrical transformers and equipment, like Lucent Technologies, Tellabs and BP Amoco, will see a rate increase of 9 percent this year, though.

Naperville taxpayers haven't had an increase in utility rates for more than a decade, Poole said.

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DuPage County wants to pass on savings

By Robert Sanchez Daily Herald Staff Writer
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Today county leaders are expected to support the possibility of the DuPage Water Commission lowering its water rate.

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But that measure also issues a challenge to every municipality served by the water commission: Pass the savings on to your residents.

"The important thing is that we get the money back to who pay it: the taxpayers," county board Chairman Robert Schillerstrom said. "It should not go to the municipalities to get lost there."

Allan Poole, Naperville's representative on the commission, says a proposed 20-cent rate reduction is needed because the water commission has too much cash in the bank.

He argues that lowering the commission's price for Lake Michigan water to $1.45 per 1,000 gallons would help lower its reserves from $118 million to a more conservative $25 million.

Schillerstrom, who took considerable heat from mayors two years ago for getting the state to turn some of the water commission's reserve money over to the county, said he was "happy that the mayors have finally come to the conclusion that the water commission is the only governmental entity that I am aware of that has too much money."

But in order for the rate cut to become a reality, it must be adopted as part of next year's water commission budget. The deadline for approving the spending plan is April 30.

Opponents say the problem with lowering the rate is towns won't pass the savings on to residents.

History supports that point. Most of the 25 municipalities getting lake water through the commission have increased their prices for residents since 1993 - despite a series of rate cuts during that period by the commission.

While today's county board resolution is non-binding and can't guarantee history won't repeat itself, Schillerstrom said he wants to send a message.

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"Carol Stream said they are going to do it," said Schillerstrom, referring to a pledge the village made to slash its water rate by 20 cents if the commission lowers prices. "I think they all should do it."

Water Commissioner William Murphy said he understands Schillerstrom's point. But how cities and villages react to the water rate cut is a decision each municipality - not the county - must make.

In the case of Woodridge, where Murphy is the mayor, officials plan to lower the water rates by a dime for both residents and nonresidents.

The remaining savings will help fund homeland security measures for the village's water system. It also would help pay for a plan to extend water pipes into unincorporated areas.

But Murphy said even if a community doesn't lower its water rate, residents would benefit.

In Lombard, for example, officials have had to repeatedly increase water rates in recent years. But a lower price from the commission would help the village avoid a hike that is being eyed for next year.

The argument that some towns must keep the savings to pay for water system improvements doesn't change Schillerstrom's opinion about who should benefit.

"If you don't have enough money to do things, either you don't do them or you look for ways to economize," he said. What they have to recognize is that they have to tighten the belt a little bit. This money belongs to the taxpayers. It should go to them."

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