

To: President and Members of the Munster Town Council

From: David F. Shafer, IAMC, MMC, CMO, Clerk-Treasurer



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Date: October 7, 2019

Subject: Ordinance 1777: Waiver of Water Utility Billing

The Council is aware of the financial stress the Town will be subjected to next year due to certain debt service obligations being included in the calculation of property tax caps. Several measures are planned to be implemented to conserve appropriations and cash. Every opportunity to reduce spending without curtailing essential services is being examined. The Clerk-Treasurer's Office proposes to waive water utility payments by Town operating funds supported by property taxes during 2020, and only during 2020. The savings to the operating funds (summarized below) is not great, but the savings are enough to warrant consideration.

	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	2019 YTD (thru 9-17)
General Fund	\$ 20,378.48	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 14,359.88
Park Operating Fund:			
Pool	\$ 10,058.92	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,407.54
Com. Pk. Concession	\$ 117.45	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 97.68
Park Maintenance	\$ 12,950.64	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 7,088.19
Centennial Pk. Mtce.	\$ 3,320.50	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,006.95
Total, Park	\$ 26,447.51	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 18,600.36
Total, General & Park	\$ 46,825.99	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 32,960.24

For the year 2020, waiver savings to the operating funds would total approximately \$50,000.00. Simultaneously, the Water Cash Operating Fund revenue would decrease by approximately \$50,000.00, but this revenue loss is judged to have little effect on the fund that normally receives approximately \$3.4 million in water revenue.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By motion and voice-vote, hear proposed Ordinance 1777 on first read and schedule second read and possible adoption on October 21, 2019.