

**August 4, 2014**

**To: Mayor Bemrich and City Council**

**From: Michelle Hefley, City Treasurer**

**Subject: Public Hearing for Water Stop Box Assessments**



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**ACTION: For vote Monday, August 11, 2014**

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**Brief History**

The City of Fort Dodge requires that every property have an acceptable working curb stop shut off valve in accordance with the Fort Dodge Municipal Code. When delinquent water utility bills remain unpaid and the responsible account holder makes no payment arrangements after several notifications, water department staff may be required to terminate service at the stop box. When the stop box is not functional, the property owner is notified to have the stop box repaired by a licensed plumber. This notification states that failure to do so will necessitate the City to have the stop box repaired and bill the property owner accordingly. It also states that failure to pay for these costs can result in these costs being assessed against the property. If the property owner has not paid the outstanding invoice, a public hearing is set to consider assessment for collection with property taxes.

**Analysis of Issue**

Documentation attached.

**Budget Impact**

There should be no negative impact upon the budget.

**Subcommittee or Commission Review / Recommendation**

Not applicable.

**Staff Conclusions / Recommendations:**

The City Treasurer recommends approving assessments for stop box repairs.

**Implementation and Accountability:**

City Council should certify to the Webster County Treasurer these assessments for collection with property taxes **following a Public Hearing.**

Signed

Approved

  
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Michelle Hefley  
City Treasurer

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David Fierke  
City Manager

10/30/2013	Ian Lump/BDH-Business Builders Inc.	1416 North 31st Street	595.00
5/13/2014	Barbara Miller	1446 South 27th Street	1,600.00
5/13/2014	Jordan Auten	801 South 15th Street	685.00
5/13/2014	William Waychoff	1321 South 26th Street	685.00
5/13/2014	David O'Brien	859 North 20th Street	685.00
5/13/2014	Jamie Simmons	2229 15th Avenue North	1,100.00
5/13/2014	Edward Linder	730 8th Avenue North	685.00
5/13/2014	Jim Bockoven	534 South 22nd Street	685.00