

December 15, 2014



To: Mayor Bemrich and City Council
From: Michelle Hefley, City Treasurer
Subject: Public Hearing for Water Stop Box Assessments

ACTION: For vote Monday, December 22, 2014

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


Michelle Hefley
City Treasurer


David Fierke
City Manager

5/13/2014	Kathleen Wendell Estate	211 6th Avenue North	1,176.83
9/3/2014	Jennifer Douglas	2247 8th Avenue South	1,300.00
9/3/2014	Jonathan Miller/Jerry Patterson	420 North 15th Street	2,100.00
9/3/2014	Tammie & Darlene Johnson	213 South 20th Street	685.00
9/3/2014	Donna Nichols	602 South 19th Street	685.00
9/3/2014	Leanna Weiss	217 M Street	685.00
9/3/2014	Samantha Frank/Gary Carlson	1813 2nd Avenue North	685.00
9/3/2014	Delmar Delp & Sally Green	1403 2nd Avenue South	1,600.00