

Water, sewer accounts lower than expected

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DELPHOS — City council learned the state of the water and sewer accounts at Monday's meeting.

Auditor Tom Jettinghoff gave the year-to-date revenue and expense reports for the accounts noting projections for the year-end balances of both accounts.

The water account is projected to show a positive balance of \$140,782, nearly \$162,000 less than projected. Jettinghoff told council the shortfall was from added carbon costs at the plant and the loss of income from Orval Kent.

The sewer account is projected to show a positive balance of \$1,354,886. Jettinghoff said the balance of the account will come in a little under due to the loss of Orval Kent income and the sewer projects that totaled \$90,000 recently completed in Erie Street and in the Menke Addition. Jettinghoff said overall, the account balances look OK.

Safety Service Director Greg Berquist told council engineers from Verizon may be visiting the water tower to add more cellular rays on the structure. Verizon pays the city \$15,000 a year to use the tower in this manner.

Mayor Michael Gallmeier reminded council of the upcoming coat drive from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 27 at the city building. New and gently used coats for men, women and children will be accepted and donated to the Interfaith Thrift Shop.

Councilman Jim Knebel questioned what the time frame is for residents to leave their garbage containers at the curb. Knebel said he noticed several containers at the curb during the week on non-collection days. Berquist said the containers are allowed at the curb for a 24-hour period surrounding garbage collection and then are to be removed. He added that he has sent out a dozen letters concerning this in the past and if he is informed of this happening, he will send out letters to the appropriate residents.

Council went into executive session to discuss legal matters and adjourned with no further business.

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