



March 24, 2021

To: Waynesville City Council

From: City Administrator John Doyle

**Re: City Administrator's Report – March 2021**

**Audit**

- KPM CPA's & Advisors have completed the onsite portion of the City of Waynesville's financial audit.
- Preliminary auditor analysis of the City's performance is positive and shows procedural improvements when compared to previous audits.

**Electric Agreement**

- The City of Waynesville has selected to enter into an agreement with Sho-Me Power for local transmission charges/wheeling services provided by Sho-Me Power.
- This agreement required coordination between the City of Waynesville, Sho-Me Power, MPUA, and MJMEUC.
- The agreement is currently in the form of a Letter of Intent signed by the City, MPUA and Sho-Me Power.
- The agreement is estimated to save the City approximately \$400,000 per year for this service resulting in potentially \$15 million over the life of the agreement.

**Utility Bills**

- The City of Waynesville received elevated utility bills as a result of the winter storm in February 2021. While the demand/use was noticed to be slightly higher than usual, the rates charged for the demand was unprecedented.
- Natural Gas
  - Currently, the City's natural gas bill has not been received. Estimates of the bill have been provided for budgeting purposes.
  - The City is currently seeking the most economical and feasible way to ensure the financial impact is minimized to our citizens and businesses.



- Electric
  - The City of Waynesville engaged in an Electric rate study to be completed by Toth Engineering.
  - The City plans to complete the rate study prior to modifying rates.
  - By Comparison the Quantity/Usage of Electric required by the City of Waynesville for the month of February was comparable to the amount for the month of January.
    - January Quantity – 6,274.685 MWhs
    - February Quantity – 6,782.844 MWhs
  - By comparison the Rate at which the usage was charged is MUCH greater and sets a new historical high rate for the City of Waynesville.
    - January Rate - \$41.033890 per MWh
    - February Rate - \$164.400000 per MWh

#### **Future CARES Act Monies – Recent \$1.9T Stimulus**

- Potentially \$975,273.65 specifically designated for the City of Waynesville

#### **Police Department**

- The Waynesville Police Department experienced professional development and growth within its employees. This month the department has observed two employees moving forward.
  - Officer Kyle Prock completed supervisory training
  - After many years of service on night shift – Cpl. Josh Hazel moved to a swing shift providing leadership skills across 2 shifts of the department.