



Office of the City Manager

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *PUK*

DATE: March 30, 2012

SUBJECT: Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION. On March 20, 2012, voters approved a referendum granting the City of Peoria the authority to create an "opt-out" municipal electricity aggregation program. A total of 62 communities that are represented by Good Energy passed the same referendum, including East Peoria, Pekin, West Peoria, Peoria Heights, Morton and Peoria and Tazewell Counties.

The next step is for the City Council to approve a "Plan of Operation and Governance." The plan outlines the process and procedures that will be used in implementing this program. Good Energy has been working with representatives of all the aggregating governments to craft this plan.

By law, the City must hold two public hearings prior to the plan's adoption. The first public hearing will be held at the City Council's April 10, 2012 meeting. The second public hearing will be held at the special City Council meeting being held on April 17, 2012. The plan will be made publicly available as part of the agenda packet and on the City website on April 4, 2012. The City Council will be asked to adopt the Plan at the April 17, 2012 meeting. These same steps are happening in the other 61 communities in the hopes of being able to begin the bid process on April 18.

More information is available at Good Energy's dedicated website for this project: www.munienergychoice.com. Additional questions can be directed to Chris Setti at csetti@ci.peoria.il.us or (309) 494-8618.

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT, MARCH, 2012. The March, 2012 Capital Project Report from the Department of Public Works is attached for your review. **(Electronic Copy Only)**

REPORT ON SNOW & ICE CONTROL COSTS. Staff has been asked to review snow & ice control costs for this past mild winter compared to previous winters. It is important to note that winter seasons generally run from about November 1 to March 30 for the Department of Public Works, but the annual budget for the City covers the calendar year from January 1 to December 31. Expenses for any winter season are reflected in two budget periods for the City. Our comparison will be from winter season to winter season with comments provided on the impact to the 2012 budget. Attached for your review is a copy of this report. **(Electronic Copy Only)**

SURVEY CONDUCTED BY LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS. The City of Peoria is sending this invitation from the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois to participate in a state-wide survey on Internet use and its impacts on the economic and social well-being of our state and its communities. We strongly encourage all our members and affiliates to participate so that issues important to our sector are reflected in the State's up-coming investments and plans for broadband connectivity, adoption and utilization. The City of Peoria will have access to the results of this research and can share the results and analysis with you. Please pass this invitation on to all other organizations, businesses and households you serve. The link included in the Lieutenant Governor's invitation accesses separate online surveys for organizations and households. ***(Electronic Copy Only) Questions regarding this survey may be directed to Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon's Office.***

DAVID TUTTLE, ECC MANAGER ATTENDS NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION. David Tuttle, ECC Manager, attended the National Emergency Number Association's 9-1-1 Conference in Washington DC, March 26-29th. During this event he was able to attend legislative sessions pertaining to 9-1-1 and public safety communications. He met with legislators and legislative aides to ask for their support of 9-1-1 funding and funding for public safety systems. The hot topic this year is working to get "text to 9-1-1" technology in place to assist not only the general public but those individuals who are hearing and speaking impaired. An extensive one on one demonstration was hosted by the Federal Communications Commission with "text to 9-1-1" vendors showing their ideas on how they believe this technology should be accomplished. David was able to communicate with the vendors and provide feedback on the different methods of delivering "text to 9-1-1". All travel expenses for David to attend this event were paid for by the Illinois Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association.