

Public Comment

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Last City council meeting we discussed the budget and I suggested that we use a portion of the increased funds to start working down the sewer debt. Some incorrect information was then provided to the public attending the meeting. We were told that general funds could not be transferred to the sewer or water enterprise budgets. I have spoken with Willard City's accountant Ryan Child and that information is incorrect. The **City** can transfer funds from the general fund into the water and sewer enterprise budget. They **cannot** transfer funds out of the water and sewer enterprise budgets. I suggest you visit with him on this issue.

Much of the discussion and decisions made by the city seem to focus around paying down the sewer debt. Tonight, you are going to consider a possible agreement that includes annexation of South Willard as part of providing sewer service.

When the sewer was approved, Willard had 555 homes. We were projected to grow at 5% for a total of 1403 homes. 1403 homes is projected to meet the obligation of the sewer. According to Mayor Braegger, we are currently at about 700 homes. According to Councilman Braegger, at completion of the currently approved subdivision lots will be near 1400 homes. With the approved residences, and the ability to use general funds in the sewer enterprise, we should be in a stable situation with the sewer debt. There is no reason to consider annexation of South Willard. It will make us responsible for their water, sewer, and maintenance, of all their infrastructure. It will jeopardize our water supply and storage. The developers have suggested they will transfer water right to Willard City. A water right does not guarantee water supply. As we are seeing in the current drought.

I am not opposed to providing South Willard sewer service at their expense, as long as we have a reliable payment method. My suggestion is for the developers to work with the citizens in South Willard to incorporate as a city. Then the existing citizens can have input in the development around them. Willard could contract with that city to provide sewer. If the citizens are not interested in forming a city, why are we imposing our city on them.