

## **RESOLUTION NO. R-18-05**

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT ACTIONS BY PASSING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES A WATER RATE REDUCTION**

**WHEREAS**, the DuPage Water Commission [Commission] is a water commission organized, existing and operating under the Water Commission Act (70 ILCS 3720/1 *et. seq.*); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is empowered under the law to finance, construct, acquire and operate a water supply system to serve municipalities in its territory; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission's territory consists of over 300 square miles and encompasses a population of approximately 857,497 including twenty-five municipal customers; and

**WHEREAS**, it is projected that in the current fiscal year, FY04-05 the Commission will collect approximately \$43,729,824 million from wholesale water rates paid by the municipal members;

**WHEREAS**, in the current fiscal year, the Commission reports an ending unrestricted use fund surplus in excess of \$119,634,934, almost three times the revenue generated from water rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is in the process of approving a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and Annual Management Budget, which proposes a wholesale water rate reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fiscally prudent to reduce the unrestricted use fund surplus to approximately \$25 million through a wholesale rate reduction, which will directly impact the fiscal health of the Commission's customers; and

**WHEREAS**, at the Water Commission meeting on February 10, 2005, the Commission approved several motions to direct the Commission's fiscal policies in a more prudent manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheaton budgeted \$2,940,000 for the Water Commission in the most recent fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 10, 2005, the Commission voted to reduce the current wholesale water rate from \$1.65 to \$1.45 per 1000 gallons, which will result in a 12.1% savings directly to the \$2,940,000 budgeted by the City of Wheaton; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheaton supports the actions of the Water Commission on February 10, 2005 and urges the Commission to implement the actions through approval of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget including implementation of the 12.1% reduction in the current wholesale water rate effective May 1, 2005; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEATON, in DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS that:**

**SECTION ONE:** The recitals set forth above shall be and are hereby incorporated as if said recitals were fully set forth within this Section One.

**SECTION TWO:** The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton express support for the reduction in the Water Commission wholesale water rate from the present \$1.65 per 1000 gallons to \$1.45 per 1000 gallons with this rate remaining in effect for the next five-year period through Fiscal Year 2009-2010; and

**SECTION THREE:** The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton express support for the reduction in the unrestricted cash balance for all Water Commission funds to the target amount of \$25 million during the next five year period; and

**SECTION FOUR:** The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton express support for the construction and operation of emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station by the end of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 contingent upon the City of Chicago's commitment to provide 20% water purchase credit for the construction and operation of similar emergency engine generator electrical facilities at the Lexington Water Pumping Station by the end of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

**SECTION FIVE:** The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton express support for the elimination of the proposed revolving loan program for construction of water mains in the unincorporated areas of their municipalities in deference to reducing and maintaining a reduced wholesale water rate.

**SECTION SIX:** The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton express support for delaying construction and operation of the 30 million gallon water reservoir addition at the Elmhurst Water Pumping Station in deference to reducing, and maintaining a reduced rate, the wholesale water rate from \$1.65 to \$1.45 per 1,000 gallons.

**SECTION SEVEN:** The Corporate Authorities of the City of Wheaton direct the District 4 Representative to read this Resolution at the next meeting of the Board and to pursue decisions consistent herewith.

**SECTION EIGHT:** The City Clerk is directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Michael P. Vondra, Chairman of the Commission.

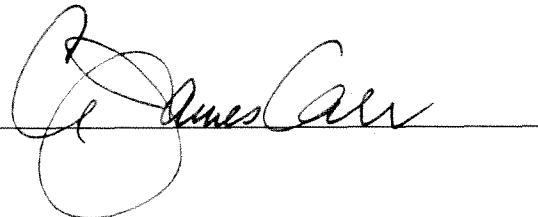
**SECTION NINE:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2005.

ATTEST:

Emily M. Cernadas Jr.  
City Clerk

Mayor

  
James Carr

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES:

Councilman Mork  
Councilman Mouhelis  
Councilwoman Corry  
Councilman Johnson  
Mayor Carr  
Councilwoman Johnson

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

Councilman Bolds

Motion Carried Unanimously