

Oelwein Utility Assistance Program



Local donations plus city funding

- The city will advertise allowing customers to sign up for the Oelwein Utility Assistance Program.
 - Customers can donate a \$1.00 monthly, or more
- The City would match the program by \$5,000 annually

What Programs Would be Funded?

- Oelwein Leak Assistance Program
- Oelwein Water line Assistance Program
- Oelwein Sanitary Sewer Assistance Program

Oelwein Leak Assistance Program

- Any homeowner who is qualified under designated programs
 - SSI (Supplemental Security Income), or SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance)
 - SNAP Benefits
 - Elderly Tax Credit
- The homeowner would receive up to \$350 toward their repair
 - The \$350 would be paid to the contractor

Oelwein Water Line Assistance Program

- This program would provide assistance to a homeowner who has a failed water line.
- The program would fund up to \$10,000 in repairs and replacements each year

Oelwein Sanitary Sewer Assistance Program

- This program would provide funding for any home who experiences a failed, collapsed sanitary sewer line, or repeated sewer backups.
- The program would fund up to \$10,000 in repairs and replacements each year

Benefits

- Helping homeowners stay in their homes
- Helping maintain homes in Oelwein
- Provide aid when it is most needed
- Reduce large, and hard to pay, water bills from leaks
- Reduce city resources and expenses by addressing problems immediately
- Continue to maintain a community utility systems that benefits all customers
- Reduce infiltration into the sanitary sewer

Expense

- \$5000
 - \$2,500 from water
 - This is .11 percent of the water fund
 - \$2,500 from sewer/wastewater
 - This is .10 percent of the sewer/wastewater fund
- The rest would come from donations from customers who sign up voluntarily

Lead Inventory will for the City to Act

- If the city replaces a lead gooseneck on the main to the disconnect, a homeowner will then need to replace their line
- In this event the city will most likely replace the entire line and end up billing the customer.
- The city has an estimated 75-100 galvanized service lines in the system that are downstream of a lead gooseneck.

City Council Action Needed

- Vote to create the Oelwein Utility Assistance Program
- Vote to match the Oelwein Utility Assistance Program annually with \$5,000