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Public Information Meeting on Twin Ridge Water Purchase

DUBUQUE, Iowa – At their meeting on Monday, Nov. 2, the Dubuque City Council will consider a recommendation to purchase Twin Ridge Water, Inc., a private business that provides sewer and water services to approximately 100 properties in the Twin Ridge Subdivision in the Key West area. If the purchase is approved, the City of Dubuque Engineering Department will hold a public information meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12, on the purchase and the City's related future plans for service to those properties. The City will also mail additional information to affected property owners before the public meeting.

Twin Ridge residents and other stakeholders with questions about the purchase and future service plans are encouraged to attend a meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Key West Fire Department. City of Dubuque staff from the engineering, water, planning services, and finance departments and the Water and Resource Recovery Center will be available to answer questions and discuss the project with interested residents and stakeholders. Those unable to attend can contact the engineering department at 563-589-4270 or engineer@cityofdubuque.org.

Over the last several years, City staff have been studying options for the annexation of property in the Key West area and how to best serve the area with city utilities. Engineering, planning services, and water department staff have met with developers and property owners in the Twin Ridge Subdivision to discuss the purchase of the utility system.

If the City Council approves the purchase of the service and the City takes ownership, the City would integrate the Twin Ridge water and sanitary sewer systems with the City's utility

systems. Twin Ridge properties being served by the system would continue to pay the rates they are currently paying until the property owners install a water meter(s) on their internal plumbing prior to April 1, 2016. The properties will then begin paying 1.5 times the City rate for sewer and water, as they will initially be outside the City of Dubuque corporate limits. As property owners sign a Pre-Annexation Agreement or when they are eventually annexed into the City, their sewer and water rates will be reduced to be the same as the rest of the community.

For additional details on the proposed purchase, explore the City Council meeting agenda for Nov. 2, 2015 at www.cityofdubuque.org/agendas or attend or watch the City Council meeting on CityChannel Dubuque on channels 85.2 or 8 on the Mediacom cable system and streamed live and archived at www.cityofdubuque.org/media.

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