



# City of Saginaw

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**Meeting Date:** 11/01/2016

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**Agenda Item:** 7  
(CC-1116-06)

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**SUBJECT:** Consideration and Action regarding Re-evaluation of Pioneer Youth Baseball Softball Association (PYBSA)/Saginaw Youth Association (SYA) Water Usage and Rates

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**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

This item is a follow up to action taken by the City Council on March 18, 2014. At time the PYBSA and SYA organizations were not being billed for any of their water usage. After review the Council voted to phase in the costs to give both organizations time to plan for the expense. Both organizations have been billed for 75% of their water usage for one year. The action taken in 2014 included a review after one year to consider billing both organizations at 100%. Additional details are included in the attached memo.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The financial impact will be both organizations being billed 100% of their usage.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of billing PYBSA and SYA at 100% beginning with the next billing cycle.

Attachments

Memo from Dolph Johnson  
Minutes of March 18, 2014 City Council Minutes

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# MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** October 20, 2016  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Dolph Johnson, Assistant City Manager  
**RE:** PYBSA/SYA Water Usage and Billing  
**CC:** Nan Stanford, City Manager

For years the City of Saginaw provided free water service to the Saginaw Youth Association (SYA) and the Pioneer Youth Baseball and Softball Association (PYBSA) to help support youth activities. Their fields are located south of our City in the City of Fort Worth. This complex also houses the North Texas Rodeo Association and the Saginaw 4H who pay for the water they use. We also charge the Saginaw Soccer Association for their water use at William Houston Park.

Over the years we tried to work with PYBSA and SYA to provide the amount of water necessary for the ball fields to remain in good shape without wasting a dwindling resource. Unfortunately, we were not successful. Because there was no charge for the water, large amounts are being wasted on over-watering of the fields. During some summer months the football field was using between 500,000 and 750,000 gallons per month for irrigation.

In March of 2014, staff recommended and City Council approved billing both organizations for water use and phasing in the costs so each organization could plan for the additional expense. We were to bill 50% of the cost the first year and 75% of the cost the second year. Due to a clerical error we did not begin billing at the 75% rate until September of 2015. They have now had a full year at the 75% rate. *The Council motion included a review after that to consider billing 100% from this point on.* Water usage during the summer months has been reduced considerably for the football field usage and both organizations are current in their payments.

To be consistent with our billing of other youth organizations staff recommends we bill PYBSA and SYA at 100% beginning with the next billing cycle.

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Consideration and Action regarding Water Usage at Saginaw Youth Association Fields and Pioneer Youth Baseball and Softball Association Fields

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Johnson stated that the City has been providing free water service to the Saginaw Youth Association (SYA) and the Pioneer Youth Baseball and Softball Association (PYBSA) for many years to help support youth activities. He explained that these fields are located south of the city limits. He stated that efforts have been made to work with SYA and PYBSA to provide the necessary water to maintain their fields without excessive use. However, these efforts have not been successful. He called the Council's attention to the water usage charts in the Council Packets. He stated that letters were sent to both organizations. A meeting was held with a representative of PYBSA. However, SYA never responded. He recommended that the Council consider a step plan to implement billing for both organizations. He suggested billing water usage at 50% for the first year; 75% for the second year; and 100% for the third year. He explained that this type of plan would give both organizations time to adjust their fees to cover the additional costs.

There was a brief discussion regarding the water usage and the implementation of billing. There was a discussion of other organizations and water usage. It was pointed out that the recent agreement with the Eagle Mountain Soccer Association pays 100% for water used.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Flory with a second by Councilmember Nethery that effective September 1, 2014, the City will begin billing the SYA and PYBSA 50% of the costs for water service; effective September 1, 2015, the City will begin billing SYA and PYBSA 75% of the costs for water service; and six months after the start of the second year (March 1, 2016), the Council will re-consider and re-evaluate this item. Motion carried unanimously.  
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For: Mayor Brinkley, Mayor Pro-Tem Flory, Councilmembers Larson, Flippo, Sedberry, Barngrover, and Nethery

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None