



Office of the City Manager

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 
DATE: October 26, 2012
SUBJECT: Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

UNIFORM RESTAURANT LICENSING. On Monday, October 22, 2012, the Finance Department, in concert with the Peoria City/County Health Department, sent letters to 33 restaurants that are behind on their tax payments to the City. The letter warns that these restaurants risk their Health Department licenses not being renewed unless they come into compliance with the City. This action is taken under the uniform licensing agreement passed in August by the City Council, County Board and Health Department Board. The City is very appreciative of the partnership exhibited by the County.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY OPPORTUNITIES. Recently, the City has received a number of inquires, both directly from citizens and through members of Council, regarding offers received to switch a resident's electricity supply. Offers from alternative residential energy suppliers have been made via telemarketers, direct mail and door-to-door. These offers are most likely legitimate, but citizens should be aware of the rate they are currently paying. For those citizens who remained a part of the municipal aggregation, electricity is supplied by Homefield Energy at a rate of \$0.0408 per kWh. This rate is good through June of 2014. When considering an offer from a different company, citizens should compare the offered terms with their existing terms. Citizens who exit the aggregation program for another offer are subject to an exit fee.

Not all citizens are enrolled in the aggregation program, either because they opted-out or were already signed up with an alternative provider during the switch. Those enrolled will see Homefield Energy listed as the supplier on their Ameren monthly bill. Questions can be directed to Chris Setti at csetti@ci.peoria.il.us or (309) 494-8618.

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER. Sam Rivera of Gulfport, Florida will begin with the City of Peoria as Chief Information Officer on Monday, November 26, 2012. Chris Setti, Special Projects Manager will assume the duties of Interim Chief Information Officer, effective November 1, 2012 with the retirement of Mike King until Mr. Rivera begins. Sam is a graduate of DeVry Institute of Technology of Chicago with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science and has over 15 years of experience managing a municipal IT department.

INTERIM COPORATION COUNSEL. Sonni Williams, Senior Staff Attorney, will assume the duties of Interim Corporation Counsel, effective November 1, 2012 with the retirement of Randy Ray.

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SEPTEMBER 2012 POLICE STATISTICS. The September 2012 Police Statistics are included in this week's Issues Update for your review. ***(Electronic Copy Only)***