

April Review Board Hearings:

Account: Maria Bickerstaff Wilford Hython – 228 S. 8th St. \$660.70
Brenda Johnson - 138 S. 7th St. \$659.78

Dispute: (W. Hython) Maria Bickerstaff states that the tenants was Wilford Hython’s granddaughter and she never switched service to her name after Mr. Hython passed away. Also, she said the water heater had a leak. On the property at 138 S. 7th St., Brenda Johnson was the tenant when she purchased the home in May, 2015 but moved out shortly after. Maria states she informed the water dept.that no one was living there. Water Dept. shows no records of Disconnect notice. She is disputing the sewer and garbage charges of \$659.78

Decision: Board decided both amounts were owed but has agreed to a 12 month payment plan for each. Mrs. Bickerstaff received notices on both properties therefore knew what was owed on both properties.

Account: James Raymond 339 Canterbury \$99.00

Dispute: Mr. Raymond called and said that water was leaking from the meter located in his rental property. When the Maintenance went to service it it was determined that the meter burst. It is owners responsibility to maintain the meters therefore he was charged. Mr. Raymond stated that the meter is in a heated room underneath a porch and also protected by heat tape and is 46 inched below ground.

Decision: The board was shown the actual meter that was removed from the property and it clearly showed that it burst. Policy states that it is homeowner’s responsibility to pay if the meter bursts so decision was that Mr. Raymond has to pay.

Account: D.N. Ogrizovich 1816 Columbia \$306.06

Dispute: Mr. Ogrizovich placed his account on vacation status in 2013, when he returned we changed his account to an active status and got a current read which showed consumption of 14,000 gallons. The meter and the remote reader showed two different reads. He claims this was an ongoing problem that he tried to address previously. Utility Office agreed to credit 12,000 gallons and only charge the minimum bill for 2,000 gallons of \$68.82. He is arguing since this problem started years ago he should be charged the rate from 1995.

Decision: The board decided that credit for the 12,000 gallons should be given in accordance with past council decision to refund these amounts. They also agree that he is to pay the current charge for the minimum bill since the bill is for current consumption. Also, the penalties are waived for the current bill.

Account: Kevin Rooney 123 Opal Blvd \$1749.29 lien

Dispute: Mr. Rooney purchased this property in 2012. There was a large bill owed at the time of purchase that was not paid. In 2014, a lien was placed on the property. Mr. Rooney is disputing

that he should not be responsible since he did not own the property at the time the bill went unpaid.

Decision: The decision was made that Mr. Rooney did not have to pay the lien since it was a prior bill before he purchased the property. They further said that the unpaid balance should have been paid by the original owners from the proceeds of the sale.

Account: Rich Humienny 1221 Oak Grove \$2520.60

Dispute: Mr. Humienny had a tenant who never signed up for water service at the address. The tenant took her water meter from a previous location and metered her own water. She was taken to court and order to make restitution. A few payments were made and then she stopped. In accordance with the water policy, service will not be turned on until the prior bill is paid in full. Mr. Humienny claims he had no knowledge of the water theft and should not be penalized for what the former tenant did. He would like to have water service turned on at the property so he can rent or sell it.

Decision: Board decided to allow the water service to be turned back on since the tenant illegally obtained water and was convicted of the charges in court.

Account: Brad Kovach 1658 Oregon Ave.

Dispute: This was a rescheduled hearing from March. Mr. Kovach cancelled this hearing and will pay all balances owed.

Account: Harold Fyock 2318 Sunset Blvd. \$1308.89

Dispute: Service is in the name of Rebecca Switzer, which Mr. Fyock claims he never rented to her. Several attempts were made to shut off service but there is no curb box at this property so the meter has to be pulled. Mr. Fyock claims he came he tried to disconnect the service in July, 2015. Several attempts were made by the water department to pull the meter but could not gain access. Twice, Mr. Fyock said the door would be unlocked and once he said he would drop a key off at the office. He did none of it. He is disputing charged from July to now.

Decision: The board decided that since several attempts were made to final the water service by the Water Dept. that Mr. Fyock is responsible for the bill. Mr. Fyock will have to switch the service in his name and it will have to remain in his name until paid in full. They agreed to a 12 month payment plan of \$109.00 per month.

Account: Barbara Carl 317 Sunset Blvd. \$3856.97

This was scheduled as a phone hearing, 2 attempts made to contact Mrs. Carl but no answer. Could be because of time differences. Left message to call the Utility Department.