

June 15, 2012

Orange Circle Property Owners

A request has been made to annex the properties on Orange Circle for the purpose of extending sewer to accommodate the development of some of the lots. The City Council will have a public hearing on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 5:45 p.m. to hear comments from the property owners regarding this proposed annexation. We invite you to attend the public hearing or you may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the City Clerk.

If the annexation is approved by the City Council, no property taxes will be assessed until January 1, 2013 with payment due November 30, 2013. The City's current tax rate is \$0.55 per \$100 assessed value. At this rate, the property taxes on a home with a tax appraisal of \$100,000 would be \$137.50. In addition, the following changes would occur:

- If on City water and/or sewer, your rates will be lowered to the inside-City rates effective with your next bill. Currently, you are being billed at a rate 50% higher than the inside-City rate for water service.
- Your property insurance rates can be adjusted from a Class 9 to a Class 4 fire rating, depending on your insurance carrier. This may result in a substantial decrease in your rates.
- Property owners owning a taxable freehold assessed at a value of \$5,000 or more, as well as residents in the area, are eligible to vote in all city elections.
- The City will take over the maintenance of Orange Circle, including snow removal during the winter months.
- Residential garbage pick-up is provided weekly at no charge. A 90 gallon garbage can will be delivered to residences for their use. This also includes the pick-up of leaves and brush in the Fall.

Sincerely,

Sally Oglesby, MMC
City Clerk