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CITY RECIEVES EPA LOAN AND STIMULUS FUNDS FOR \$4.6 M IN CWLP WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Tim Davlin and City Water, Light and Power General Manager Todd Renfrow announced yesterday the City's acceptance of \$4.6 million in stimulus funds and an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) zero interest loan for construction of the utility's chemical storage and chemical feed facilities at the Water Plant. Funding was made possible through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the IEPA's Public Water Supply Revolving Loan Program. Seventy-five percent of the \$4.6 million in project funding comes in the form of zero interest loans from the IEPA and ARRA funds, while 25 percent of the funding is from ARRA funds in the form of principal forgiveness, in essence a \$1.2 million grant.

"The timing for these funds and loan couldn't have coincided better with the capital needs of the utility," said Mayor Davlin. "The chemical storage and feed building project are part of \$70 million in water system improvements currently planned, including water pumping and treatment facility upgrades."

Renfrow said, "The improvements constructed with this funding, not only will alleviate storage limitations, but will also address safety issues with the handling of the quantities of these chemicals," he said. "In addition, the water plant's 1950s era electrical system will be updated to meet today's standards and efficiency needs."

The chemical storage and chemical feed facilities will house coagulants, fluoride, and phosphate chemicals for the water purification process. The new building for these facilities would also house new electric transformers and the filtration plant main breakers to replace the electrical facilities that now operate the plant.

The loan covers design engineering and construction engineering performed by Crawford Murphy & Tilly as well as construction of the project by Evans Construction Co.

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