

To: President and Members of the Munster Town Council
From: Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer *W Mis*
Date: November 15, 2021
Re: Ordinance 1850, Additional Appropriations (3)

Earlier this year the Town reached an agreement with the City of Hammond for an increase in the wholesale water rate. The new rate was retroactive to the beginning of this year. Council adopted an increased rate for Munster Water Utility rate payers to cover the new rate from Hammond.

While the details of the agreement were being determined, Hammond continued to bill Munster at the lower rate. It was known that a bill to “true-up” the account would be sent once the agreement was finalized. These invoices have now been received. While there is sufficient cash on hand to cover the invoices, there is not sufficient appropriation. The Water Cash Operating Fund is requesting \$400,000.00 in additional appropriations to pay the “true-up” invoices.

Other funds were reviewed for appropriation needs and the Local Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund is requesting \$10,000.00 in additional appropriations. This will be used for the annual payment to Griffith for use of the gun range in 2022.

The procedure for securing the additional appropriations requires a public hearing, scheduled for December 6, 2021, and the adoption of an ordinance by the Town Council. Upon passage of the ordinance, the additional appropriations will go into effect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By motion and voice vote, hear proposed Ordinance 1850 for additional appropriations on first reading, and schedule a public hearing and second reading for December 6, 2021.