

Tim Himmer

Subject: FW: Fw: Re: Sanitary Sewer Connection

Date: Monday, August 29, 2011, 2:09 PM

After discussing your proposal we have decided:

- * Connect us to city sewer with ALL costs to be paid by the city of Ramsey
- * Complete yard restoration from any damages done to the yard, irrigation, etc...during the change over process to be paid by the city of Ramsey per our expectations
- * 15 years worth of monthly city sewer bills paid by the city of Ramsey
- * Level out center of backyard (fill dirt & black dirt) so water doesn't sit on our yard
- * Permission to clear the dead brush that has been in standing water in between our yard and the berm and maintain this area in the future
- * NO sale of easement
- * A promise in writing from the city of Ramsey that they will continue to correct the drainage problem so we don't have sitting water every year - we don't feel that digging up our neighbors yard and the ditch is a permanent solution
- * Work to be done immediately
- * Any attorney fees that we incur regarding this matter will be paid by the city of Ramsey
- * Any and all future property damage/issues regarding this matter will be the full financial responsibility of the city of Ramsey

Thank you,
Jason and Ruth Obermaier

--- On **Mon, 8/22/11**, **Tim Himmer** <thimmer@ci.ramsey.mn.us> wrote:

Jason & Ruth

Attached is a drawing that shows what the City is proposing to alleviate your drainage concerns, and connect your property to the municipal sanitary sewer system. The direction for this proposal was received by the Ramsey City Council in work session on August 9, 2011, which includes all costs for such work; including design, materials, equipment, and labor. The City will also cover the cost of all connection charges, trunk fees, Metropolitan Council Sewer Area Connection (SAC) charges, required removals, installation, grading, restoration, and turf establishment. Further, the City will also provide and install a water meter on your individual private well. The attached design is representational in nature (showing the alignment), which must be further refined to construction plans and specifications that clarify project details (pump size and capacity, pipe sizes, removal limits, roadway impacts, utility relocations, ground cover, etc.) when we reach an agreement on this matter.

In addition, the City is proposing to purchase an expanded drainage and utility easement in the southeast corner of your property; this is shown as the hatched area on the attached exhibit. This area would be regraded, in conjunction with the work outlined above, to better accommodate surface water drainage in the area. The intent is to provide additional storage capacity by expanding the adjacent ponding area and containing runoff in this revised low area. This additional easement area encompasses approximately 2,800 square feet.

The City would incur all costs for this work, but we request that you contract for this work directly so

you have the ability to actively manage the work that occurs within your property. We will provide the technical design and inspections for this work to ensure it is installed correctly and compliant with all applicable codes and standards, and you will be responsible for the aesthetic portions of work within your property limits (final grading, irrigation placement, restoration/ground cover, etc.). Please review this information and contact me if you have any questions or comments, or would like to meet in person to discuss further. Once you've had a chance to evaluate this information and respond, I can then proceed to take your response back to the City Council for further direction and/or action. Like you, it is our goal to resolve this matter as quickly as possible and have the improvements completed before the winter season begins.

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