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Dear Mayor Washington-Spivey and Council Member Dickinson:

Below are responses related to the questions you had related to the green cast-iron bubblers (drinking fountains) found in the public right-of-way.

1. Can the current bubblers be modified to be ADA Compliant?
    a. No. Derek Greebon reached out to Mike Voss, the Sales & Marketing Manager with Torrance Casting, and he indicated they are unable to design/engineer anything to add to the existing bubblers to meet the ADA requirements.

2. Map of bubbler locations.
    a. Attached is a map of the location of all bubblers in the public right-of-way. Those we can keep because we have the space to install an ADA compliant fountain are in green. Those that we are not able to replace and would have to leave in place in the off position are in red. There are a few in blue that we are looking into whether we can move nearby and ultimately replace them with an ADA compliant drinking fountain.
        i. There has been one replacement completed in the last week at the corner of 4th & King. If you would like, I can have this updated to include a 4th color to show the ones that are now ADA compliant. I have attached photos of the new fountain.

3. Cost of replacement
    a. The cost to replace the drinking fountain at 4th & King came to approximately $5,000.00
        i. This fountain did not include a dog bowl.
            1. The cost would increase by $1,725 per drinking fountain if you would want to get them with dog bowls
        ii. The utility had to modify the drain to connect to the existing connection by cutting in a new drain in the new fountain and add a flex hose to connect to the existing line.
            1. This was one of the easier replacements, and we expect the others to cost more.
    b. Factors that affect the cost of the replacement include, but are not limited to:
        i. If we must cut within a certain distance of a corner, we must replace and/or install ADA ramps
        ii. If we must re-tap the main, there would be a cost to remove the road/curb & gutter, as well as increased costs for replacement of the same.
        iii. If we must move the drain, we will have to re-tap the sewer main which would also include a cost to remove the road/curb & gutter, as well as increased costs for replacement of the same.

1. Those fountain replacements that require more work could cost as much as $10,000.

I know you don't plan to discuss the park department drinking fountains, but I wanted to let you know I have confirmed that 23 of the 24 drinking fountains that they maintain around the community are on and working. They are in parks, Pettibone Beach, the pools and one at the La Crosse Center.

Derek and I hope this information is helpful. Please let us know if there is anything further you would like information on.

I believe Matt Gallager will be at J & A next week, and Derek Greebon and I will both be joining virtually from a conference.

Sincerely,

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