



City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432

Memo

File #: 395-22

Agenda Date: 8/2/2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James V. Capparelli, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Approve Payment of the 2022 Wastewater Discharge NPDES Permit Fees to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$152,500.00

BACKGROUND:

Illinois law requires National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit holders to pay an annual fee for the privilege of operating under the permit. The fee was first imposed in 2003 and has been payable on an annual basis since then.

At the present time, the City of Joliet has three NPDES permits that are required for the discharge of wastewater and are subject to these fees. The Public Service Committee reviewed this memo at the July 18, 2022, meeting and recommended for approval by Full Council.

CONCLUSION:

The fee for the NPDES permit for the Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant is \$50,000.00. The fee for the NPDES permit for the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant is \$72,500.00 which includes a fee of \$50,000.00 for the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant, a fee of \$20,000.00 for the Combined Sewer Overflow and a \$2,500.00 Sludge Generators fee. The \$2,500.00 fee for the sludge disposal program covers the disposal of sludge material from all three plants. The fee for the Aux Sable Creek Basin Wastewater Plant is \$30,000.00. The total sum for all NPDES permit fees is \$152,500.00.

Funds will be charged to the Water / Sewer Operating Fund / Memberships and Dues ESTP (Org 50080802, Object 518001, \$72,500.00); WSTP (Org 50080803, Object 518001, \$50,000.00), Aux Sable (Org 50080804, Object 518001, \$30,000.00).

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the above, the Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve payment for NPDES permit fees, in the amount of \$152,500.00, on behalf of the Illinois EPA.