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SUBJECT: ANNEXATION OF THE WHOLE CITY LAKE

The master plan of the city lake would like to see the City Council's annexation proposal.

When the whole city lake is annexed, the city of council grove will offer only these four items initially:

1. FIREPROTECTION---The City will do what the ISO recommends. As of now, the city will put in a firehouse, place a firetruck around the care takers house and the Patrol Care Taker will be trained as a first responder with the fire department. This will not require any volunteers from the city lake but volunteers would be welcome, provide are willing to go thru training and being on call. Bottom line---will do what ISO suggests.

2. CARETAKER POSITION---This would be split
a. Non-patrol Caretaker---Same duties as caretaker has now except would not be patrol officer.
b. Patrol Caretaker---Since new position, council would define later, but would fall under Chief of Police, main duty would be patrol city lake and since not boat dock, city would purchase new 4 wheel drive vehicle (fully decked out as police vehicle) to handle rough winters and loading and unloading boat. Patrol Care Taker will be trained as first responder for the fire department.

3. VOTE---The registered lease holders in Morris County (can only register at one location) will have a vote. The city lake will be placed in ward 2 (but the County Election Commissioner, Michelle Garrett, may have to juggle some "precinct" numbers) since this will help even out the wards. The city lake will not have a council member person on city council at this time. The city can always change borders if necessary.

4. CITY LAKE ROADS'S (CHIP AND SEAL)---Include City Lake in strategic plan of sales tax revenue concerning chip and seal of roads at City Lake.

POSITIVE FOR CITY LAKE

1. Better fire protection---insurance should go down. (ISO requirements are being checked into---I figure this was the best way because each insurance company will have their own comment).
2. Will have 2 caretakers---grounds and patrol.
3. Will have a vote---people have given their lives so we can vote.
4. Will be able to do more work on roads
5. Be part of the city---will build up reserves for projects that will need to be done. Will have more money to do the things needed and buy needed equipment.
6. Should be able to apply for grants---never been done before.
7. Will be heard as a city tax payer---never been done before.
8. Stabilize the lease---this is only fair if paying city taxes.

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NEGATIVE FOR CITY LAKE

1. Higher taxes than have now.
If annex, city lake people will pay what city people pay now. Only difference will be the lease fee for the privilege of living at the city lake.
2. If do not annex, city lake will start to go down---city will not be able to maintain it like it has in the past. Will soon have to cut services.

POSITIVE FOR CITY OF COUNCIL GROVE

1. Mill levee will come down.
Now is 56
If annex can drop to 40, but we don't need this.
Need to maintain mill at 50, so can build up reserves (for both city and city lake)

NEGATIVE FOR CITY OF COUNCIL GROVE

1. If annex can drop mill to 40, but not wise to do. When at 40 we add another caretaker position of about 4.0 mills. So this will increase mill to say 44, this will give 6 mills so we can put in reserves to buy equipment or do projects in years to come for both city and city lake.
2. Will cost to obtain:
 - a. Firehouse
 - b. Firetruck
 - c. Another caretaker position
 - d. 4 wheel drive patrol vehicle fully decked out will all lites.Thus mill level may not go down right away. After we do 2 a,b,c and d, the only additional cost to the city will be the added position of patrol caretaker.
3. Will have to take care of the city lake like the city.

NOTES OF INTEREST:

1. If city lake is annex, the lake people will be paying city taxes. The lease should be allowed after 2011 (when expire) to continue like it is now, since the city lake residents will be paying city taxes.
2. City lake people will not be able to buy their property from city once annexed.
3. The Lake Association set up will remain as it is now.
4. Maintenance Fee---if annexed, maintenance fee will not be needed.
5. Water and sewer---this will be handled as if the city lake is a new development. The developer puts in the utilities and then the home buyers pay for the utilities in specials on their taxes. Once they are paid off, the developer takes over the maintenance. The developer in this case is the City and the home buyers are the lake lease holders. Since this will be a very expensive project if done, the taxes payers need to know exactly what these special taxes would be.
6. As soon as City Lake is annexed, will square up the city (annex other land around the city so the city lake residents will not be the only new ones paying city taxes).