



CITY MANAGER

November 14, 2018

Warren County Board of Adjustment
Hand Delivered

Honorable Board of Adjustment Members:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to comments in a November 5, 2018 letter from residents contained in your meeting packet. The City was not copied on this letter, but received a copy from the County following a request by City staff.

As has been noted previously by City representatives, the City explored connecting to the WRA as an option, but determined it to be prohibitive. Further, the City never committed to connecting to the WRA. A key factor in this decision was the cost. Over a 30-year time frame, the cost difference between the City constructing and operating its own wastewater treatment plant (\$49,065,074) compared to connecting to the WRA (\$113,343,849), *assuming that the WRA would permit the City to connect and a connection agreement reached*, is \$64,278,775.

The application before you is for a Special Use Permit to allow for the City to construct and operate a municipal wastewater treatment facility on City owned property. As you are aware, a wastewater treatment facility is a permitted special use in the County zoning ordinance. As evidenced by the information provided by the City to the Board of Adjustment at the scheduled public hearings, as well as through written documentation, we strongly believe that the City's application is in accordance with the Warren County Code. Accordingly, we request that you accept the County staff's recommendation to approve the City's application.

Sincerely,

Ryan J. Waller
City Manager
City of Indianola

CC: Board of Supervisors, Warren County
Mayor & City Council
Douglas Fulton, City Attorney
Diana Bowlin, City Clerk

