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PROPOSED CITY OF BOLIVAR UTILITIES SALE

PROVIDING SAFE, AFFORDABLE, DRINKING WATER IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES WE HAVE...

THERE ARE SEVERAL LONG-TERM, STRUCTURAL ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF BOLIVAR.

- In 1998, the Missouri Clean Water Commission placed Piper Creek on its list of impaired waterways.
 - In 2007, the EPA issued a consent order requiring the City to reduce inflow and infiltration.
 - In April 2018, the federal court issued a two-year moratorium to allow the City to seek a variance with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Clean Water Commission.
 - The variance would require the City to upgrade its wastewater treatment and collection system to achieve the highest available system that is “affordable” to Bolivar’s ratepayers which will increase sewer rates by approximately 38%.
- **A Yes vote on the April 7th, 2020 ballot would transfer this responsibility to a private utility company.**
 - **A No vote on the April 7th, 2020 ballot would leave the system under the City's management with the City responsible for all manadated improvements.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Why Liberty Utilities?

Liberty Utilities already delivers electricity to homes in Bolivar. They have trucks and crews in the area already. We work closely with them. Liberty Utilities also has significant experience with water and wastewater systems.

Why sell the water too?

Because the system is all connected. The more water you use, the more sewer demand there is. When our sewer system leaks into Piper Creek or Town Branch, our groundwater is threatened.

Why now?

Remember, the court issued a two-year stay on litigation in 2018.

Will this increase rates?

However, to ensure safe and reliable water and wastewater services for Bolivar residents, investments in the system are unavoidable, whether owned by the City or by Liberty Utilities. This agreement is a way to allow a company with resources and expertise to come in and tackle this issue head on and potentially spread the costs of compliance across more ratepayers in the future. However, Liberty Utilities decision to raise rates will be regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission. The Commission's job is to ensure all utility rates are just and reasonable for the safe and reliable service you receive.

The projection is that rates will be less than what the city of Bolivar has proposed based on Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC experience, efficiency, and existing services in the area.