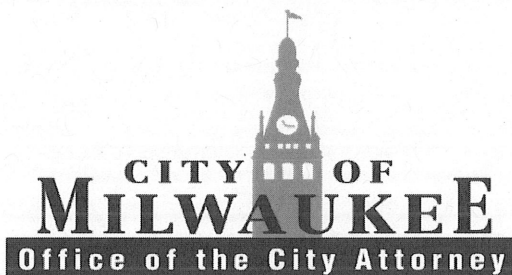


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To the Honorable Common Council  
Of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 – City Hall

RE: C.I. File No. 1029-2019-1489  
Communications from Eugene Agnew

Dear Common Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.


On March 25, 2019 Mr. Agnew experienced sewer backwater in his basement at 1923 W. Atkinson. Mr. Agnew has submitted a claim against the City in the amount of \$15,000.00 for personal property damages that resulted from the sewer backwater. On March 26, 2019 Sewer Maintenance responded to a backwater call at 1923 W. Atkinson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206. The City's sanitary sewer was checked and found to be clogged with heavy grease. A Sewer Jet Vac was called and the main was immediately opened and restored to proper working condition.

This Sewer is on a regular cleaning schedule and was last cleaned on July 22, 2016. Sanitary sewers are generally placed on a three year cleaning cycle. Past cleaning records do not indicate any unusual problems.

Sewer Maintenance contends that they responded to the emergency situation at 1923 W. Atkinson in a timely manner, followed standard procedures and took the appropriate action in unclogging the sewer. The property damages incurred at 1923 W. Atkinson was not due to any negligence on the City's part. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

  
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