

# All wells need not be abandoned for water hookup: councillor

## LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I recently read in your paper an article written by Joan Ransberry (July 22) titled "Water hookup the law in Mus-selman's Lake."

While the author is a very competent and accurate reporter, there are some points reported in this article by the town that seem very heavy-handed and intimidating. I feel as the ward councillor I must address these items properly, not in the manner in which the article presents them.

It is true water hookup is mandatory and residents have until 1998 to do so. I will have to investigate if the town has the right to trespass on resident's property and within their households to connect the water if people refuse to connect, but I feel no one has the right to come in your home or on your property without your permission.

If it happened to me I would call the police and lay trespassing charges.

The new \$30 fee to set up an account is, in my opinion, ridiculous. However the mayor and the majority of council supported this fee being charged. I assure you, I did not! How long does it really take to set up an account? Don't we pay taxes already?

The biggest complaint I have is residents do not have to abandon their wells, as presented by the article. Residents only have to abandon their wells if they are inactive, in other words if

you continue to use your well for watering your lawn or washing your car, you may keep your well active.

If you do not use your well for anything, than you are supposed to cap your well. You absolutely cannot use your well for anything

inside the home — all uses are external only.

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