

Donahue

Iowa American Water is committed to investing \$187,000 over the next five years to improve Donahue's water and wastewater utility systems' infrastructure.

SOLUTIONS AT WORK

The city of Donahue is located approximately five miles from Davenport, Iowa. The utility systems serve about 143 water customer connections and 121 sewer customer connections. Iowa American Water partnered with the city in December 2023 when we acquired the community's water and wastewater utility systems.

CHALLENGES

- **Financial:** Future development plans for a new subdivision required additional capital improvement that community leaders were not interested in investing.
- **Operational:** Donahue's certified operator retired, which was a challenge because they had difficulty finding certified operators in case of emergencies.

SOLUTION

According to Mayor Ken Schoenthaler, "The sale of the water and sewer systems to Iowa American Water ensures residents in the community will benefit from the expertise of industry professionals dedicated to upgrading and maintaining these essential utility systems as necessary."

- The sale relieved the city of daily sampling and operational needs, as well as future operational and investment responsibilities.
- In 2020, Donahue entered into a successful operations and maintenance agreement with Iowa American Water prior to the eventual sale of its utility systems in 2023. City officials were pleased with the exceptional service that was provided.

BENEFITS

- **Rates:** With approval from the Iowa Utilities Board, Donahue's rates will sustain long-term rate stability through regulatory oversight.
- **Financial:** Iowa American Water was able to relieve Donahue from capital improvement responsibilities.
- **Operational:** The systems are staffed with full-time licensed personnel and supported by our Quad Cities District Operations and customer support teams.
- **Capital Resources:** With the \$1.75 million in proceeds, city leaders can invest in other community priorities and reduce debt.
- **Community Partner:** Iowa American Water is an active partner in Donahue and is committed to serving and meeting the community's needs and collaborating with developers to help promote growth.

The sale of Donahue's water and wastewater systems allows the city to focus on other community priorities while Iowa American Water invests in necessary capital projects to assure high quality and reliable service.



QUESTIONS?

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