

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Jonathan Smith and Becky Williams. Barry VanHoozen was absent. Also present was Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF JOHN DEERE 4WD FRONT END LOADER

Ms. Godsey requested permission to purchase a John Deere 4WD front end loader for \$93,553 from Wood County Implement through the state purchasing program. A quote was also obtained from Ohio Cat but it came in at \$104,000. Ms. Godsey said that this piece of equipment will replace an existing backhoe that will be sold to the Department of Public Service. This item was included in the 2017 budget. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the purchase.

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH CANTERBURY REAL ESTATE VENTURES

Ms. Godsey requested approval of an agreement with Canterbury Real Estate Ventures for the City to reimburse the developer for the oversizing of sanitary sewer lines through the Canterbury subdivision. Earlier this year a similar agreement was approved for the water lines. The cost is not to exceed \$123,907 and is in the 2017 budget. Ms. Godsey explained that the City will only be paying for the difference between what the developer needs, and what the City needs to service properties to the south of this subdivision. Mr. Smith asked if an 8" line is sufficient for future development. Ms. Godsey said that it is. She said that Arcadis has done a master plan and it is updated every couple of years to show our service boundaries. Ms. Williams asked if the Law Director wrote the agreement. Ms. Godsey said that it is the same as previous agreements and Ms. Henderson has reviewed it. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the agreement with Canterbury Real Estate Ventures for the upsizing of sanitary sewer lines in the Canterbury subdivision.

FORT MEIGS DITCH

Ms. Godsey requested approval of a contract with Blausey Excavating to clean the Fort Meigs ditch for \$46,700. She said that the quote is dated November of 2016, but the contractor has said that they will honor the quote. A quote was also requested from Randy Beaker, but he declined to submit a quote because he does not have a long arm excavator to reach the depths in the Fort Meigs ditch. She explained that this is normal maintenance according to the ditch maintenance handbook. A notice will be mailed to residents in the area no later than three weeks prior to the start of work, and a notice will be published in the Messenger, on the City's website, and on social media. Ms. Godsey said that the long arm excavator will remove the accumulated sediment but will have no impact on the floor. This work does not trigger Army Corps of Engineers or Ohio EPA review. She said that no vegetation removal is anticipated, but because this has not been addressed in fifteen years, the sediment has caused the water flow to weave and has caused some bank

erosion on the west side. To straighten it out, they may need to remove some vegetation on the west bank by the water line. Mr. Smith requested to avoid damage to the west side of the bank as much as possible. Ms. Williams asked if since this quote was prepared before the ditch maintenance guide was prepared, if the guide affected anything in this quote. Ms. Godsey said that it does not. There was a discussion regarding timing since the work cannot be done when there is snow on the ground. Ms. Godsey said that they have not sent out the public notice yet. Mr. Smith asked what the plan for fencing is when this is done. Ms. Godsey said that she has nothing new about the fence, and it can be discussed next month. Mr. Smith said that he still would like to see the sidewalk by the ditch removed and a sidewalk be installed on the other side of the street. Mr. Smith agreed that the work needed to be completed to limit erosion of the hill on both sides of the ditch as well as alleviate downstream issues. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the contract with Blausey Excavating.

FINAL AECOM GENERAL PLANS

Ms. Godsey called attention to the final AECOM plans that were distributed to the Committee. Ms. Williams asked how the Administration plans to proceed. Ms. Godsey said that they have contacted the Ohio EPA to discuss it with them. She said that they have tentatively recommended the lowest cost alternative but will not make a formal recommendation until they discuss it with the EPA. Ms. Godsey encouraged the Committee to contact her if they have any questions as they review the report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Godsey stated that she previously requested permission from the Committee to go out to bid on a cold storage addition to the Department of Public Utilities building at 211 East Boundary Street. Ms. Godsey said that they have now received all necessary approvals, and legislation granting them authorization to go out to bid will be on the next City Council agenda. There was a brief discussion about the pedestrian walkway that is required as part of this project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: To be determined.