

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Haraz N. Ghanbari, Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – BUILDING RENOVATION

Ms. Godsey requested permission to enter into a contract with the JDI Group of Maumee for the architectural design of renovations to the East Boundary Street building. She said that the renovations include a lunch room, locker room, and conference room. The contract would be for \$78,100 with half coming from the water budget and half from the sewer budget. Mr. Smith asked if this work was bid out. Ms. Godsey said that a request for qualifications was done, and they received five proposals. The list was narrowed to three and interviews were done. Mr. Smith confirmed that the firm was chosen based on qualifications and not price. Ms. Godsey said that is correct. Mr. Ghanbari asked if the City has previously used the JDI Group on other projects. Ms. Kabat said that she's not aware of any City projects they have worked on since she's been with the City, but she has experience with them on projects in Lucas County and she does not recall any issues. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of a contract with the JDI Group.

UPDATE ON SEWAGE ODORS NEAR THIRD STREET/PERRY DRIVE/MULBERRY

With regards to complaints of sewage odors in the area of Third Street, Perry Drive, and Mulberry Street, Mr. Smith said that Council received an email stating that the system has been flushed. Ms. Godsey said that they will check back in thirty days. Mr. Ghanbari said that he visited the area after it was flushed and there was still a faint smell at the top of the hill on Mulberry Street near Third Street, and the smell was stronger at the bottom of the hill near Second Street. Ms. Kabat said that she would also drive by and check it out.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith asked about backflow devices which were discussed at the last meeting. Ms. Kabat said that employees of the Department of Public Utilities are making visits to check the backflow devices to get a better idea of how many commercial and institutional customers are not in compliance. Mark Dunsmoor, Commissioner of Public Utilities, said that the requirement of backflow devices has been in effect since he started with the City in 1998. Ms. Kabat said that they hope to have a good number of how many businesses are not in compliance by the next committee meeting.

Mr. Smith asked if there are any updates on water conversations. Ms. Godsey said there is no update on Bowling Green water at this time. She said that the Northwestern Water and Sewer District held a public meeting a couple of weeks ago that she attended, but there was no new information that came out of that meeting. Ms. Kabat said that the Technical Committee has made recommendations for a counter proposal to the City of

Toledo's latest proposal. She added that they do not have enough information back about the aquifer to make any recommendation moving forward.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.