

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Public Utilities Committee meeting was called to order on December 2nd at 6PM by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Barry VanHoozen and Mark Weber. Also present was Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Laura Alkire, Law Director, Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities, and Matt Choma, Commissioner of Utilities.

Citizens' Concerns

Mrs. Sozeri of 2099 Lexington was present at the committee meeting to discuss the sanitary back up that had occurred in the home resulting in roughly \$4,000 in damages. The City's insurance carrier had determined that the City was not liable. The Committee discussed if the city should reimburse the Sozeris the damages from the back up and what the unintended consequences would be if the City did reimburse. Mr. Smith suggested a maximum cap as reimbursement of a deductible of \$1,000-\$2,500 as this coverage can be added on home insurance. At this time the committee did not move forward with a reimbursement.

Award Roof Bid for Bldgs B, H, L at WWTP

Ms. Godsey reported that bids were opened for roof replacement of buildings B, H and L at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Three bids were received and the low bidder was CRM Roofing out of Clyde with a bid of \$83,491. Mr. Weber asked if the City had any interest in pursuing the alternate. Ms. Godsey said that the alternate was rejected because they did not feel the cost was worth it for a five year extension on the warranty. The committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the contract with CRM Roofing.

Approve Vehicle purchase, replace #415

The committee heard the request of the administration to purchase a new vehicle. The previous vehicle that was being replaced had 69,000 miles and was damaged due to a foreign substance being put in the lines that would have cost over \$11,000 to repair. The committee discussed what had happened to the vehicle and went through all the quotes received. Ms. Godsey requested approval to purchase a 1 ton Heavy Duty Ford utility truck with extended cab from Brondes Ford for \$41,950. The Committee was in support of the purchase with the condition that the administration revisit the other dealers and vehicle models to ensure that we are getting an apples to apples comparison.

Approve Sewer Design Services to coordinate with 2020 Resurfacing Project

The committee received a request from the administration to enter into a contract with DGL in the amount of \$48,854 for sewer design in an area that is under development just north of Five Point Rd and the Brookhaven Subdivision. The committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval.

Approve 2019 Update to Sanitary Sewer Cost Recovery Plan (SICR)

The committee heard from the administration regarding the SICR update. This update is completed every few years to capture changing construction costs. After some discussion in the committee, it was recommended to approve 3-0.

Approve Sewer Upsizing Cost Reimbursement Agreement – Coventry Pointe

The committee received a request to approve the sewer upsizing reimbursement agreement with Coventry Glen LLC to have the new development at Coventry Pointe increase the size of the sewer system to prepare for future surrounding development. Ms. Godsey explained that the sewer line in the subdivision would have been an 8" to 10" but it will be upsized to 48". The estimated cost of the upsizing is \$895,363. It was agreed 3-0 to recommend approval.

Approve AECOM Task Order Modification #5 for additional modelling

The administration brought forward to the committee a request that the City enter into a change order with AECOM in the amount of \$29,800 to conduct a modeling of CSO forecasting for 5 year storms. This is part of several requests that the Ohio EPA has placed on the City. This is the first of several steps to look at the feasibility of the Ohio EPA request to reduce and/or eliminate CSO events. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval.

Receive Ft Meigs Ditch Soil Stabilization Study

The City received a copy of the soil stabilization study of the Fort Meigs Rd ditch from Bowser Morner. The study identified 3 points of interest that need to be corrected to avoid destabilizing that may affect Fort Meigs Rd. The next step is to take this to CT Consultants to review and create a recommendation on how to re-stabilize the bank at these locations.

Backflow Prevention

Mr. Smith revisited the discussion regarding backflow prevention devices in the city. Mr. Smith shared concerns of going overboard with RPZ devices for businesses for which an RPZ device may be overkill. The Administration indicated to the committee that they are revisiting these RPZ requirements and what steps they should be taking, devices used, and how to achieve compliance. Mr. Smith asked for clarification as to what interaction Council can have in these devices as our rules, which are set forth by Council, may allow it, and how the Ohio EPA standards affect this Rule. Mr. Smith is prepared to make a change to Rule 59 of 1060.06. Mr. Weber had voiced that he visited several businesses where the RPZ device is cost prohibitive to install and that a hardship option should be available. Mr. Weber also pointed to surrounding communities that do allow for double check valves and that we should further investigate this request. Mr. VanHoozen asked why the utilities department does not work with the other departments and services to coordinate their efforts as multiple departments are involved in different ways with the businesses in our community.

Other Business

Mr. Smith went over 1060.06 regarding rules in the Water Department. Mr. Smith made a suggestion that some changes should be made and pointed to a few specific Rules. The Administration indicated that they are already looking into making many changes and will bring it back to the committee.

The committee discussed the December meeting date which falls on the 25th. The committee decided to cancel the meeting, but would reschedule should an item need to be considered.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Jonathan Smith, Chairman