

HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 25, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Todd Grayson. Committee members present were Todd Grayson, Tim McCarthy and Rick Rettig. Also present were Jon Eckel, Service Director, and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities. Mathew Beredo, Law Director, arrived at 6:08 p.m.

YARD WASTE CONTRACT

Mr. Eckel reported that for several years we have had a contract with Modern Disposal for the yard waste program. The City has been responsible for ordering the yard waste bags with the City's logo and then delivering the bags to the stores and billing them for the bags. Last year we implemented the toter program for yard waste and it was wildly successful. He said the program has been budget neutral, but now he is requesting approval of a contract with Modern Disposal that would remove the City from the process. He said this would make it 100% hands off for the City which would save us time and manpower. He explained that residents will be able to buy any generic yard waste bag and apply a city sticker to it instead of having to buy the bags with the logo. The stickers will be available at the same places the bags have been, but Modern Disposal will be supplying the stickers, not the City. Mr. Eckel added that there are some revisions that need to be made to Chapter 1086.02 to reflect the changes to the yard waste program. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the ordinances approving the contract with Modern Disposal and to Chapter 1086.02.

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE CT CONSULTANTS AS ENGINEER FOR CSSD 212 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND RPR

Ms. Godsey requested permission to enter into a contract with CT Consultants to do contract administration and resident project representation for Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 212 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. She said they are based out of Delaware, Ohio but they have a Toledo office. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the contract.

AWARD BID FOR CSSD 212

Ms. Godsey reported that ten bids were received for construction of Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 212 ranging from the low bid of \$564,212.30 up to \$746,312.80. The low bid was received from Vernon Nagel, Inc. of Napoleon, Ohio. The City has worked with them in the past and recommends awarding the contract to them. There are funds in the 2014 budget for this work and it is part of the sewer separation mandated by the Ohio EPA. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of a contract with Vernon Nagel, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$564,212.30.

WATER CONSUMPTION BREAKDOWN

Ms. Godsey presented the Committee with a chart showing the number of quarterly bills with consumption that is below our minimum bill amount of 900 cubic feet. Mr. Rettig

thanked Ms. Godsey for this information. He said the concern was raised by a resident who contacted him. He said that he checked with other cities and found that there are a number of different ways that minimum bills are calculated.

Ms. Godsey said that her office is still working on the rate study, but it will take longer than she had thought because the data is not as easy to obtain from the billing software as she had hoped. She said that the billing software is going to be updated soon and she hopes to have some rate study data early next year.

SEWER BILL ADJUSTMENT

Ms. Godsey requested approval of a sewer credit in the amount of \$1,310.50 for Joel and Maria Pimentel, 187 Foxhill Lane. They experienced a sump pump failure and the water backup sump pump ran for an extended period of time. She said that a dye test has been scheduled to confirm that the water from the sump pump is not going down the sanitary sewer. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of a motion granting a sewer credit in the amount of \$1,310.50 to the resident at 187 Foxhill Lane.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Grayson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd Grayson, Chairman
Health, Sanitation, and Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Monday, December 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. which is a change from the regular date and time.