

HEALTH, SANITATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 27, 2015

Chairman Todd Grayson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present were Todd Grayson, Tim McCarthy and Rick Rettig. Also present was Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

MAP OF EXISTING 4-INCH WATER LINES

Ms. Godsey distributed a map prepared in 2012 showing four inch water lines in the City. She called attention to the lines that were replaced prior to this year and the lines scheduled to be replaced as part of Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 211. Mr. Grayson stated that only a small section has been replaced since 2012. Ms. Godsey said that the thought was to take this on in stages after the completion of the sewer separation project which won't be completed until 2017. Ms. Godsey added that the map has been shared with the Department of Public Service to coordinate with resurfacing projects. Mr. McCarthy noted that a lot of the lines run in alleys, and he asked what the concerns are with four inch lines. Ms. Godsey said that they are undersized and the standard for water mains is at least six inches and they are cast iron which is brittle. Mr. McCarthy asked if we do assessments for the replacement of these lines. Ms. Godsey said that the Law Director would have to determine if the costs could be assessed and then it would be City Council's decision.

REVIEW 2016 DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The Committee reviewed the 2016 water and sewer budget. There was discussion regarding rate increases for the purchase of water from the City of Toledo. Mr. Grayson stated that he feels we should plan on 15% annual increases from Toledo until we make it through a four year period without the substantial increases. He said that if we do that and the rates are not increased, we still have plenty of capital projects, including the 4" water mains that could be completed. The Committee encouraged Ms. Godsey to begin the rate study as soon as possible in 2016 instead of waiting until the second quarter as planned. Mr. Grayson asked how long Ms. Godsey believed the rate study would take to complete and she said about three months.

Mr. Grayson expressed concern about the low ending balance in the water fund. Ms. Godsey said it is workable but not comfortable. Mr. Grayson asked why there was a substantial increase in the amount for fuel, lights and telephone for the sewer fund and Ms. Godsey said she would check on that. Mr. Grayson also asked about the amount for other expense which was budgeted at \$48,000 but previously was under \$20,000. He said that those expenses need to be put on the line item they belong in. Mr. Rettig asked about the increased budgeted amount for sludge management. Ms. Godsey said that those costs have increased.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd Grayson, Chairman
HSPU Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.