

HEALTH, SANITATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

Chairman Todd Grayson called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Committee members present were Todd Grayson, Tim McCarthy and Rick Rettig. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

SEWER APPEAL – 300 TWINBROOK DRIVE

Ms. Godsey requested approval of a sewer credit for Donald Stepp, 300 Twinbrook Drive, in the amount of \$1,601.07, which represents the sewer charges for the water that did not enter the sanitary sewer system due to a faulty water back-up sump pump. Ms. Godsey said that the dye test has not yet been completed but was scheduled for later that week. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the credit for Mr. Stepp contingent upon the results of the dye test.

UPDATE ON BIOSOLIDS COST BREAKDOWN

Ms. Godsey gave the Committee some additional information about an item discussed at the last meeting regarding the cost to dispose of biosolids if they have to go the landfill. She said the unit price per the bid to apply the biosolids is \$24.00 but if they have to take it to the landfill, the unit cost to transport is \$10.26 and the landfill disposal costs are \$32.34 per cubic yard, so the total would be \$42.60.

REVIEW 2016 DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The Committee reviewed the Sewer R & E budget and discussed the \$873,000 budgeted for collection systems, the Grassy Creek area and CSO's. Ms. Godsey said this is in addition to this year's dollars for a consultant regarding the CSO's. She said that the application for the OPWC grant for sanitary sewer rehab for 2016 is on the bubble at the County level and CSSD 211 did not make the funding cut. Ms. Kabat said the 2016 budget includes \$3.5 million for the construction of Phase II of CSSD 211 along with some miscellaneous ancillary work.

Ms. Kabat stated that the Water Operating Budget shows an increased payroll because of a redistribution of employees. She said 2016 will be the first full year of cross training water and sewer collection employees and the water and sewer funds are equally sharing the cost of these employees. The budget also reflects three years of Collective Bargaining Agreement increases and some positions were transitioned to positions with licenses. Ms. Godsey said that this year has been colder and wetter so the purchase of water was down, but she has budgeted in a ten percent increase. Ms. Kabat said that during calendar year 2016 a rate study will be done. She said no additional personnel is budgeted at this time, and the WWTP expansion should be wrapped up early next year.

Mr. Grayson asked about replacement of four inch waterlines downtown. Ms. Godsey said that some four inch lines will be replaced with CSSD 211, but there are no funds budgeted for replacement of any lines downtown.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 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
HSPU Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.