PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Haraz N. Ghanbari, Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present was Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator.

PERMISSION TO AWARD BID FOR PINE STREET AND MULBERRY STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Ms. Kabat reported that nine bids were received for the Pine Street and Mulberry Street water main replacement project. This project is part of the program to replace 4" cast iron water lines with 8" PVC. Ms. Kabat distributed a letter from Arcadis, the design firm, recommending that Vernon Nagel be awarded the contract because they had the lowest and best bid. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend entering into a contract with Vernon Nagel Inc. for $1,037,922 for the Pine Street and Mulberry Street water main replacement project.

2019 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the proposed 2019 Budget. Ms. Kabat reviewed the water and sewer operating and capital budgets. She said that there is no new personnel, but there are funds to cover three months overlap to allow a new commissioner to be hired and work with the current commissioner before his retirement. She said that those funds are split between the water and sewer budgets. There was discussion about the increase in the purchase of water line item. Mr. Smith questioned whether the increase is enough to cover growth within the city and the rate increase from the City of Toledo. Ms. Kabat said that at this point Toledo is saying there will be a 4% increase, but she will get the breakdown from Ms. Godsey. Mr. Smith questioned the increase in stationery and postage. Ms. Kabat explained that once the new billing software is in place, the plan is to go to monthly billing. Items included in the water capital budget are the Hickory/Orchard/Loomis/Colony water main project construction and inspection, funds to hire a consultant to see if the South Boundary pump station can be expanded, new offices and lunch room at the East Boundary building, a replacement dump truck, fixed based meter reading system, and dollars for hydrants and meters on an as needed basis. Mr. Smith asked if there are enough funds available for infrastructure costs if we would switch to Bowling Green,Aquafer, or any other water source. Ms. Kabat said that if a decision is made to move water sources, she thinks the Administration would come back to City Council for a rate restructure and to discuss issuing notes. Items included in the sewer budget are building maintenance and repair and equipment repair as needed, sewer maintenance, a placeholder for new equipment and replacement of a ¾ ton utility truck. In the sewer capital fund, there are dollars for the elimination of the Maple Street bypass, design and partial construction for CSO elimination, construction of offices and lunchroom at 211 East Boundary, SCADA replacement, SCIR update, and a placeholder for equipment replacement. There was a brief discussion about the CSO elimination, and

Ms. Kabat said that they are still waiting to hear back from the EPA about the AECOM study. Ms. Kabat said that she will email the committee the budget worksheet. Mr. Smith asked about the homeowners' grant program increase. Mr. VanHoozen also asked for information about the homeowners' grant program including how many people have used the program.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Monday, October 1, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. which is a change from the regular date and time.