

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

AUGUST 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Jan Materni and Jonathan Smith. Barry VanHoozen was absent. Also present was Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting were approved.

AUTHORIZE OPWC APPLICATION, ROUND 36

Ms. Godsey requested authorization to apply for a grant from the OPWC. Ms. Godsey said that we apply for this grant every year. This year we are applying for the grant for the WWTP Anaerobic Digester Improvement project. This includes replacement of the bio-gas flow meters and replacement of the boiler and heat exchangers. The construction estimate is \$522,000, and the grant application is not to exceed \$175,000. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the grant request.

SEWER CREDITS TABULATION

Ms. Godsey said that there was only one sewer credit granted in the last month. It was for \$276 for a customer on Rutledge Court who had an issue with a back-up sump pump. The total year to date is \$3,977 compared to last year which was \$4,800.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith asked how the fixed based system is coming along. Ms. Godsey said that they have done a PO for the fixed base box and have identified five locations to start with. They had a meeting with the meter manufacturer, and she said that they could start getting some information from the system by the end of the year.

There was a brief discussion about a grant applied for from the Ohio Department of Development. Ms. Godsey said that the grant application did not require legislative authority, so it did not come to the committee. Mr. Smith asked that Ms. Godsey email the water line replacement map to the committee members.

Mr. Smith said that he thinks it would be great for City Council to have input on the design for the water tower that is being repainted. He said it is a beacon of the community, and he would like something unique on there. Ms. Godsey said that the plan is to put the new City logo on it.

Mr. Smith asked how many homeowner grants have been applied for this year. Ms. Godsey said there have been five so far this year, and she thinks there were probably two last year.

Ms. Godsey said that the November meeting date will fall the night before Thanksgiving, so she would like to reschedule it, preferably for the 29th or 30th. Mr. Smith asked that it be put on next month's agenda so Mr. VanHoozen can be there to discuss it too.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.