

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

JULY 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Jan Materni and Jonathan Smith. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Matt Choma, Deputy Director of Public Utilities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting were approved.

SEWER CREDIT – 220 LOCUST STREET

Mr. Choma reported that Anthony Beck, 220 Locust Street, had a water line rupture in the crawl space of an unoccupied home. Mr. Beck is requesting a sewer credit in the amount of \$2,330.72. This would leave a balance due of \$3,192.84, and Mr. Beck is also requesting that he be allowed to pay 1/3 of the balance now with the balance to be paid within six months. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the credit and the payment plan, and they asked that the penalty amount be recalculated to reflect the sewer credit.

APPEAL FOR REFUND – 26609 GREEN VILLE

Mr. Choma reported that the owner of 26609 Green Ville has requested a refund for water charges in the amount of \$2,971.30 from December 2020 to June 2021 because of a water back-up sump pump. They paid no sewer charges because the sump pump is plumbed to the sprinkling meter. Mr. Smith said he feels for them, but the water was used and City Council does not have the authority to grant a credit for water charges. Mr. Choma said that they are looking at a fixed base system that will be able to catch this type of a situation quicker. Ms. Materni stated that she saw in the documentation that we notified them about the problem in February.

SEWER CREDITS TABULATION

Mr. Smith called attention to the sewer credit tabulation and said that there was only one since the last report.

REQUEST FOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

Ms. Kabat requested approval of the purchase of three trucks for the Department of Public Utilities from the Perrysburg Automall for \$133,091. She said the mechanics evaluated the fleet and ranked the vehicles. These three trucks would replace the worst of the worst, and bring the average age of the vehicles down from 10 years to 8 years. She said that they are trying to get on a rotation for vehicle replacement. Mr. Smith asked what is being done with the old trucks. Ms. Kabat said they will be sold at auction and that request will come before City Council in the next couple of months. She said the total value of all three vehicles is probably less than \$10,000. There was some discussion regarding vehicles for the 2022 budget. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the vehicle purchases.

FORT MEIGS ROAD BIKE/PEDESTRIAN SIDEPATH

Ms. Kabat stated that the Administration is looking at adding the Fort Meigs Road multi-use path to the 2022 budget. She said Ms. Godsey is putting together an RFP for the design for cleaning out the ditch and reconfiguring for the multi-use path.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith asked about overflows, and Ms. Kabat said that there were two over the weekend, one at Louisiana and one at Elm. There was a brief discussion about recent news reports about the City of Maumee dumping into the river and about our efforts working with the Ohio EPA on the NPDES permit. Ms. Materni asked how the proposed legislation that bans dumping sewage into the Maumee would affect us. Ms. Kabat said it would affect us because all communities have overflows.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.