

HEALTH, SANITATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

JULY 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Todd Grayson. 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.

STATUS REPORT ON COMBINED SEWERS AND SANITARY SEWERS

There was discussion regarding the process for notifying homeowners with regard to the Elm Street and Cherry Street sewer separation projects. The Administration was asked to compile a timeline showing notification to property owners.

There was also discussion regarding future sanitary sewer projects. Mr. Grayson said that he does not understand how rate studies are done if we don't know how much infiltration and inflow we have. Ms. Godsey said that previous rate studies did not include this because the focus was on improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and on the Elm and Cherry Street sewer separation projects. Ms. Kabat said that they would like to include funds in the 2016 budget so we can identify and include these projects in the rate structure. Mr. Grayson stated that the longer we take to figure out what the cost is, the shorter period of time we have to spread the costs out. He asked for an estimate on how long it will take the consultant to do a plan. Ms. Godsey said that it is probably an eight month project. Ms. Kabat estimated the cost of the plan at \$200,000. Mr. Grayson said that if we can't find \$200,000 in a water fund with a twenty million dollar budget, we have a rate problem. Ms. Kabat said that they can take a look at the budget at the end of the month.

GRANT/LOAN APPLICATIONS TO OPWC FOR CSSD 211 (PHASED PROJECT) AND FOR SANITARY SEWER UPGRADES

Ms. Godsey stated that we applied for a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission last year for Phase 1 of Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 211 but we were not successful. She requested permission to apply for a loan and grant combination not to exceed \$400,000 for Phase II of CSSD 211. She also requested permission to apply for a combination grant and loan up to \$400,000 for sanitary sewer rehabilitation. Ms. Godsey said that there is a new lining technology that restores structural integrity and removes infiltration and inflow. Mr. Grayson asked what the scope of the sanitary sewer rehab project would be. Ms. Godsey said that she is not sure, but \$600,000 to \$800,000 is a good size to draw bids. She added that she is requesting \$400,000 because that it is the ceiling and you lose points if you go over that amount. Mr. McCarthy said that he knows people are tired of having their yards torn up and he asked if this is worth doing. Ms. Godsey said that this work is done without excavation. Mr. Grayson said that the advantage is we can see how much this will help fix our problems. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of ordinances for both applications.

SEWER BILL ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Grayson made a motion to grant a sewer credit in the amount of \$1,532.77 to Douglas Diller, 1525 Eaglecrest Road, due to a problem with a back-up sump pump. Mr. McCarthy seconded and it was approved 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lloyd Swanson, 855 Maple Street, stated that City Council had a study in 1993 on how to relieve pumping into Grassy Creek and he wonders if any of those recommendations were ever done. Ms. Kabat and Ms. Godsey stated that they can't answer that because they have not seen the study and it cannot be located. Mr. Swanson also presented a written public records request for additional items to the Administration.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 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, August 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.