

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

JUNE 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Haraz N. Ghanbari, Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

MOTION ON SEWER APPEAL

Ms. Godsey requested approval of a sewer credit for Lori Reffert, 720 Streamview Drive, in the amount of \$1,109.32. The original sump pump failed and the water backup system ran for an extended period of time. The Department of Public Utilities verified that the sump did not drain to the sanitary sewer. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the sewer credit.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE UTILITY TRUCK

Ms. Godsey requested permission to purchase a 2018 Ram ¾ ton 4x4 cab and chassis with service body from Charlie's Dodge for \$34,524. This price is below the state purchase price by \$160. This truck would replace an existing unit that is over ten years old. Mr. Smith asked about the mileage on the vehicle, and Mr. Ghanbari asked what is wrong with the vehicle other than the age of it. Ms. Kabat requested that this item be tabled until the Administration can get that information.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – PINE/MULBERRY WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Ms. Godsey said that the design for the Pine/Mulberry Water Line replacement project has been completed, and she requested permission to go to bid. The estimated construction cost is \$800,000 and there are funds in the 2018 budget. We also requested, and were awarded, an Ohio Public Works Commission grant in the amount of \$175,000, and those funds will be released July 1. This project will replace 4" cast iron lines with 8" PVC line with new valves, taps, and hydrants. This will provide more stable water pressure, improved fire protection, reduced likelihood of water main breaks, and reduced discoloration. Mr. Ghanbari asked when this project would start and end. Ms. Godsey said that they are requesting that this be passed as an emergency to keep the project moving, and she foresees issuing the notice to proceed in September. Construction should be wrapped up in the summer of 2019. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of advertising for bids.

RFQ FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – DPU RENOVATIONS

Ms. Godsey requested approval to solicit RFQ's for architectural services for renovations to the Department of Public Utilities Building at 211 East Boundary Street. She explained that some garage space was freed up with the cold storage building and since they are tight on space, they want to maximize the available space. The project will include renovating existing garage, lunchroom, and locker room space. Mr. Ghanbari asked if

there is a preliminary cost for the project. Ms. Kabat said that the architect will provide the estimate based on the design. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of soliciting RFQ's.

RFQ FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Ms. Godsey requested permission to solicit RFQ's for engineering design services for the Hickory, Loomis, Orchard, Colony water main replacement project. Like the Pine/Mulberry Street project, this is to replace undersized water mains. Ms. Godsey said there is \$110,000 in the 2018 budget for design services, and funds for the construction will be in the 2019 budget. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of soliciting RFQ's..

WATER OPTIONS - MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL AGREEMENT WITH ARTESIAN OF PIONEER

Mr. Smith reported that members of the Administration and Council toured the Bowling Green water treatment facility earlier in the day.

Ms. Kabat reported that version 16 of the TAWA agreement was received. It is similar to versions 10-15 and provides for the creation of TAWA without Toledo, but using Toledo water, and the opportunity for Toledo to come in at a later date.

Regarding the Michindoh Aquifer, Ms. Kabat requested approval of an ordinance authorizing the Administration to enter into an agreement with Artesian of Pioneer in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. She explained that five entities: Henry County, Liberty Center, Maumee, Whitehouse, and Sylvania, have already agreed to participate. Artesian of Pioneer will drill a test well down 175 feet to 225 feet deep with four observation wells around it. They will then run a 72 hour pump test and pull data from that test. The test should tell us the quality of the water, the types of treatment needed, sustainability, and preliminary ideas on how to pump to the various entities. Mr. Ghanbari asked what the total cost would be. Ms. Kabat said that it depends on how far they have to drill down, but the range is \$105,000 to \$164,000. Mr. Ghanbari said that during the tour at Bowling Green they said their capacity was 11 million gallons a day and they are at 6 million gallons now. He asked what the maximum capacity of Michindoh is. Ms. Godsey said that a representative from Artesian of Pioneer has run the numbers on 25 million gallons a day for this group. Mr. Smith asked if the \$2.99 per 100 c.f. is the cost to pull it out. Ms. Kabat said that Artesian of Pioneer believes that they can get the water to our door for \$2.99 per 100 c.f. which would include the debt for the infrastructure. There was discussion regarding the rate we pay Toledo. Ms. Kabat said that we have four declining blocks which are different rates based on use. Ms. Godsey said that over a year's time, we pay \$21.69 for 1,000 c.f. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval.

Jim Hagen, 10740 Avenue Road, said that he is concerned environmentally with tapping into an aquifer because we take out water faster than it can be replaced. Ms. Kabat said that she will email Mr. Hagen the information they received about the rate of replacement.

Mr. Ghanbari asked if we change our source of water if we are still going to look for a second source. Ms. Kabat said that years ago we looked at a second, emergency connection with Bowling Green. She added that if we depart Toledo, we could discuss using them as a second source.

DRAINAGE DITCHES

Mr. Smith asked about the timeline for CT Consultant's work. Ms. Godsey said that a kick-off meeting was scheduled for the following day. Mr. Smith asked if Ms. Kabat has heard back from the Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Kabat said that neither her phone calls nor emails have been returned. Mr. Ghanbari said that he spoke to the Army Corps of Engineers and they have agreed to informally meet with the Administration and City Council at the ditch, and they recommended reaching out to Jim Carter. Mr. Ghanbari said that he will follow-up to get the contact information for Mr. Carter and see if something could be scheduled.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ghanbari said that someone asked him about the City pumping sewage into Grassy Creek. Ms. Kabat said that was part of the AECOM report that they have given to the EPA, but they have not heard back from them yet.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.