

HEALTH, SANITATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

JUNE 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Chairman Todd Grayson. Committee members present were Todd Grayson and Rick Rettig. Tim McCarthy arrived at 6:03 p.m. Also present were Bridgett Kabat, City Administrator and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

RADIO READ METER CONVERSIONS

Ms. Godsey reported that there are twenty customers that have not contacted the Department of Public Utilities to have their water meter changed over to a radio read in addition to the four customers that have objected based on health concerns. They did a dry run to see how long it will take to read these remaining remotes, and she said that the actual cost would be \$10.50 per customer per quarter. She recommended that the \$50 charge per quarter be continued for those who have failed to contact the Department of Utilities, but that the charge for those who have been in contact but object to the new meters because of health concerns be lowered to \$10.50. The Committee discussed the proposed two tier fee structure. Mr. Rettig said that our Code requires that the meters be changed and he did some research and the American Cancer Society has rejected this as a fear. Mr. Grayson said that he is not comfortable forcing property owners to comply if they have concerns with it. Mr. Rettig said that we are trying to create a uniform process to increase efficiency. He said that when the City does lot mowing it does not do it at cost. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend that a permanent fee of \$20 per quarter be charged to people who choose to not have their meter changed out, and the \$50 fee per quarter be continued for those customers who have not yet contacted the Department of Public Utilities.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR BIOSOLIDS

Ms. Godsey requested permission to advertise for bids for WWTP Biosolids Disposal services through 2018. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the request.

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ROACHTON AND FORT MEIGS ROAD ELEVATED TANKS

Ms. Godsey requested approval of a contract with Arcadis for additional engineering services for the elevated water tanks project in an amount not to exceed \$33,500. She stated that the estimate for construction and resident project representation was made in 2011 and was based on 32 months of construction. The bidding phase took place in 2012 and construction was estimated to be 37 months. In February of 2014, Arcadis advised the City to expect an additional \$40,000 in engineering fees due to the longer construction period. Ms. Godsey noted that more than four years have elapsed since the original fee estimate was prepared and onsite inspections by the engineer are required every month after the ground is disturbed even if construction activity is dormant. Mr. Grayson said that if the City did not violate anything, he does not feel that we should have to pay anything additional. He suggested tabling this item until the Administration can get some more answers regarding what the City did to cause this delay. Mr. McCarthy said that

although construction took five months longer, it does seem a little high so he agreed that it should be tabled to allow Ms. Godsey to do some more digging.

SANITARY/STORM SEWER SEPARATION

Ms. Godsey distributed a map showing areas where the sewer separation has been completed and it also showed where there are no storm sewer taps or inadequate storm sewers and areas where the sanitary sewers are in bad condition. Mr. Grayson said that he has tasked the Administration with finding out what it would take to finish the separation and until we define it, there are a lot of unknowns. Mr. McCarthy asked if we are in compliance with the EPA. Ms. Godsey said that we are in compliance. She said that the Administration expects to have some engineering fees in the 2016 budget. Mr. Grayson stated that this will be an ongoing discussion topic.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 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: To be determined.