

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

MAY 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairperson Kevin Fuller. Committee Members present were Kevin Fuller, Jan Materni, and Jonathan Smith. Also present were Kate Sandretto, Law Director, and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting were approved 3-0.

SEWER CREDITS TABULATION

Ms. Godsey stated that at 745 Streamview, the sump pump float was stuck, causing it to run for an extended time. She presented an adjustment for three months, a total of \$449.79.

SEWER CREDIT AT 332 EAST SECOND STREET

Ms. Godsey explained that the resident had two leaks in their crawl space, both of which were repaired by a plumber. The Committee was presented with a description of the repair from the plumber's invoice. There was no dye test required. Mr. Fuller made a motion to approve the sewer billing credit for 332 East Second Street in the amount of \$1,369.33. There being no objections, the Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend this to City Council.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE A ¾ TON TRUCK

Ms. Sandretto explained a request to purchase a new truck for the Division of Public Utilities, which will be used by the newly created position of Field Operations Superintendent. The vehicle will be a GMC Sierra Truck and will cost \$43,721.50, which is under the budgeted amount for 2022. This will be purchased locally from Perrysburg Automall on Dixie Highway in Perrysburg. Mr. Fuller asked for a schedule to be put together for purchasing City vehicles in a rotation. There being no objections, the Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend this to City Council.

AMENDMENT TO CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1060.06 (B), RULE #25

Ms. Sandretto explained a request to pull this rule that they had previously talked about amending. She added that the one change will be that landlords will now have to sign a document for each lessee. Mr. Smith was concerned about Citizens having to come in person to apply for Utility accounts and that the hours are not ideal for everyone. Ms. Sandretto explained that the City has changed their policies and protocols, so that no one has to show up in person any longer, and that everything can be completed virtually.

DISCUSSION ON STORMWATER

Mr. Fuller asked if the City could start a rain barrel initiative or grant program. Ms. Godsey suggested that the Public Information Officer could start sharing more information on that. Mr. Fuller stated that rain barrels would be great to eliminate surface water and that residents could reuse the water for their gardens and such. Mr. Fuller also asked about the Grassy Creek Master Plan and Mr. Smith explained that there was negotiation with the Ohio EPA. Ms. Godsey followed up by stating that they are working with the Ohio EPA to find alternatives that are feasible and within budget for the Grassy Creek Master Plan. Mr. Fuller is excited to get something going and ideally build that into the budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith brought up an issue with West South Boundary and State Route 25, where Mr. Freeze patrons are seeing the “no left turn” signs and using Westbrook to turn around. He stated that many people on that street are putting cones in their driveway or are parking in the apron, so that they cannot turn around in their driveways. He suggested having a sign on 25, telling patrons to cross over West South Boundary and use the Mr. Freeze entrance on 25. Ms. Sandretto will talk with the appropriate people and see what they can do. Ms. Materni asked about a ditch cleaning schedule and hopes to see one at the next meeting. Ms. Godsey stated that she is aware of some county owned ditches within the City limits. Mr. Fuller thanked Ms. Godsey for arranging the tour of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Ms. Godsey in turn thanked them for making the time to tour the facility.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fuller, Chairperson
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.