

HEALTH, SANITATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

APRIL 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Todd Grayson. Committee members present were Todd Grayson, Tim McCarthy and Rick Rettig.

UPDATE ON RADIO READ METER CONVERSIONS

Mr. Grayson reported that according to the Department of Public Utilities, there are 23 residential customers who have not made appointments to convert to a radio read meter. Of the 23, four have objected due to health concerns from radio frequency waves. In March, six customers received bills with the \$50 charge on it. The four customers who have objected, and the additional thirteen who have not converted to radio reads will receive their first bill with the \$50 charge in April. They are anticipating that some of those customers will call to schedule an appointment once they see the charge on their bill. Ms. Godsey will have an update at next month's meeting. Mr. Grayson said that he would recommend staying the course at this point because he thinks it will only take a couple of quarters to get a final number of customers who object to the conversion and then a route can be established and the cost of reading those meters can be calculated. Mr. Rettig asked if new construction homes get the radio read meters. Mr. Grayson said that they do.

TRASH COLLECTION STATISTICAL STUDY RESULTS

Sam Romain and Brock Kardos, PHS AP Stats students, were present to give the results of a project they did regarding public opinion of the City's refuse and recycling system. They interviewed 100 residents in the McKinley Woods, Carrington Woods, and Rivercrest subdivisions and in the Fort Meigs/West River Road area. The residents were asked to rate their trash collection on a scale of 1-5, with a 5 being the highest score. Over 90 of the residents gave either a 4 or 5. Mr. Rettig asked if any narratives were given explaining what each number meant. The students said they did not provide narratives, but if asked they said a 5 meant the resident had no complaints. They also asked residents how the new system compares to the old system, and from those results they calculated that they can say with a confidence rate of 95% that 69-86% of the households throughout the City prefer the new system. With regards to the new green toter, only seven of the 100 households questioned are currently using it, but 73% were interested in finding out more about it. When asked how to improve trash collection, residents suggested have a hazardous material pick-up, a yearly paint can pick-up, more toter size options and make composting an easy alternative. The students suggested that one way to educate the public about the refuse and recycling system would be to create an app. The Committee thanked them for their presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd Grayson, Chairman
HSPU Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.