

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

MARCH 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present was Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

FIRE LINE CHARGES – RESCIND PORTION OF ORD. 130-2018

Ms. Godsey requested permission to rescind a portion of Ordinance 130-2018 pertaining to 1060.06(b) Rule 36 to acknowledge the practice of monthly billing instead of quarterly billing. She added that she is requesting that this change be listed as an emergency, and that it be retroactive dating back to January 1, 2019. Ms. Godsey added that comments have since been received from local businesses after they were not given notice of the conversion to the monthly billing system. She added that this measure only affects businesses that have an active fire line in lieu of charges for water used in case of a fire. Mr. Smith confirmed that this will be a quarterly to monthly change of \$0.50. Mr. Smith added that this makes sense, and confirmed that there will be a credit moving forward to those affected accounts. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval to rescind a portion Ordinance 130-2018 as an emergency.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith asked about an update on the backflow meters which had been previously discussed. Ms. Godsey stated that she has a completed field survey that includes 870 line items, which she distributed to the Committee. Mr. Smith asked for confirmation that the backflows are an Ohio EPA requirement according to the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. VanHoozen questioned which backflow is required, double or single. Ms. Smith added that he would like to see the Code at their next meeting.

Mr. Smith thanked Ms. Godsey for the email about the 99 year agreement for water and sewer increases for the non-residents. Mr. Smith questioned what the additional cost is to the city that is associated with these increases. Ms. Godsey added that these outside surcharges are low compared to other jurisdictions. Mr. VanHoozen stated that this was a significant agreement that was previously reached. Mr. Smith added that he would like to have this as an agenda item at the next meeting for further discussion.

Mr. Smith asked about the status of the Geo Tech Survey related to the on-going ditch conversations. Ms. Godsey added that she has had some difficulty in hearing back from the two Geo Tech firms in this area.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.