

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

MARCH 23, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairperson Kevin Fuller. Committee members present were Kevin Fuller and Jan Materni. Jonathan Smith was not present. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Kate Sandretto, Law Director, and Matt Choma, Deputy Director of Public Utilities.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the February 23, 2022 meeting were approved 2-0.

SEWER CREDITS TABULATION

Ms. Kabat requested the credits be reviewed at the next meeting since Ms. Godsey is the one who calculates and explains those.

WATER AND SEWER MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Ms. Kabat explained that Ordinance 11-2022 addresses the increased costs for the City to install new taps and meters both inside and outside the City, as we are currently losing money on each installation of a tap or meter. Ordinances 12-2022 and 13-2022 address Perrysburg's Capital Expansion fees for both water and sewer.

Ms. Kabat wanted to note two keypoints. The first is that the outstanding debt is backed by the full faith and credit of the City's General Fund, i.e. Income Tax, not the Utility Funds. The second is the Cost Allocation Plan, which takes the services that the General Fund provides and calculates the value of those services. This means that the time of the Ms. Kabat, Ms. Sandretto, IT, HR, the City Engineer, and Finance is all funded by the General Fund and not charged back to the Utility Fund. The General Fund is subsidizing the Utility Funds.

Mr. Fuller does not find it necessary to bring this back to the Committee level. Ms. Sandretto will put it on the agenda as a second reading and can be discussed at the next City Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The City is requesting to purchase Polymer for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Polydine, Inc. was the lowest and best bidder for this product. It is an estimated amount of \$50,000.00 each year for three years for Polymer that is part of the solutions used to treat waste water. Ms. Sandretto explained that the previous compound is not compatible with recently installed equipment. There being no objections, the Committee agreed to recommend this to City Council 2-0.

Mr. Fuller requested to receive a tour of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which Ms. Materni would like as well. Ms. Kabat will work to get something scheduled.

Ms. Kabat announced that Ms. Godsey has turned in her resignation and will retire in September of this year. The City is now looking for a new Director of Public Utilities. Ms. Kabat stated that they are hoping to at some point have the current Director, new Director, and the Deputy Director all work together so that there is a good transition for the department.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fuller, Chairperson
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.