HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Todd Grayson. Committee members present were: Todd Grayson and Tim McCarthy. John Kevern was absent. Also present were City Administrator Bridgette Kabat, Law Director Mathew Beredo, Service Director Jon Eckel, Director of Public Utilities Tim Warren, Deputy Finance Director Tim Fisher, and Commissioner of Public Utilities Mark Dunsmoor.

REVIEW PERRYSBURG 4 TRANSIT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICE

Mr. Grayson stated that Perrysburg 4 Transit submitted their recommendation for hours of service for public transit. There was a one hour discrepancy, and Mr. Grayson said he added one hour to Saturday evening, but it could actually go anywhere. Mr. Grayson and Mr. McCarthy agreed that the plan sounds good as a starting condition. Gil Lutz asked what type of vehicles will be used. Mr. Grayson said there will be one minivan and one 14 passenger shuttle bus. Maria Ermie stated that it seems to be very important to voters to understand what services will be provided, with the caveat that as needs are determined, we can be flexible. Mr. Grayson said that is the core advantage with this system. Jack Hoeflinger of Perrysburg 4 Transit said that they are well organized and will get this done.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDER TO REPLACE CAB AND CHASSIS AND WORK BODY OF WATER UTILITY VEHICLE

Mr. Dunsmoor requested permission to purchase a 2013 Ford F-550 4x2 regular cab and chassis from Valley Ford Truck for $40,091.50 and the work body from Kalida Truck Equipment for $36,720. The cab and chassis purchase is through the State Purchasing Program and both items are in this year's budget. Mr. Dunsmoor said this will replace the workhorse of the Department of Public Utilities. Mr. Grayson said it sounds like this is a wise move for a heavily used item. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of this purchase.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACT TO RETROFIT PERRY COMMONS LIFT STATION

Mr. Dunsmoor said the Perry Commons lift station has been in the City since the 1960's, and he believes we purchased it from Toledo. He requested permission to do a total retrofit of the lift station's mechanical and electrical controls. The cost is $29,898 and the work will be done by Buckeye Pumps, Inc. Mr. Dunsmoor said that it is due to be done, and it is in this year's budget. He said the plan is to do a pump station each year until we get to where we need to be.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 3

Mr. Warren provided the Committee with a timeline for Phase III of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. He stated that the design has to include the upgrades to the solids handling system. Once a Permit to Install is issued for Phase III, the Ohio EPA will allow the City to determine the best time to implement the solids handling portion. Phase III construction is scheduled to begin in 2014. This was an informational item only, no action was requested.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NOAC NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION

Mr. Beredo stated that the City is part of an aggregation for electricity and gas. The price from IGS for the first year was .22 cents below the otherwise applicable price. They have improved that price to .25 cents below the otherwise applicable price for the second year. Mr. Grayson asked if there is any way we can get hurt by locking into this price. Mr. Beredo explained that Columbia Gas sets the rate and this price will always be less than that. Mr. Grayson said his concern was that the rate was set, but as long as it is floating he is not concerned. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend continuing the aggregation agreement with IGS.

RENEWAL OF YARD WASTE PROGRAM WITH MODERN DISPOSAL

Mr. Eckel stated that the yard waste program renewal came to the Committee in December but was tabled to allow discussion regarding the DSolv yard waste bags. Mr. Grayson said that if DSolv and Modern work something out it will be outside of the agreement between the City and Modern, so there is no reason to delay. Mr. Eckel said the yard waste program is budget neutral and Modern has held their price since 1998. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend renewing the contract with Modern Disposal.

UPDATE REGARDING AUTOMATED REFUSE SERVICE

Mr. Eckel reported that they are well on their way with the switchover to automated service. He said that the toters are in the process of being delivered and they expect the new vehicles to be delivered the third week of March.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Warren stated that we are in the middle of construction on Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 209 including replacement of some water mains. In the course of doing this work, they have encountered some additional water mains on Mulberry between Second and Third that need to be replaced. Mr. Warren requested approval of a change order to replace an additional 300’ of water main at a cost of $20,000. He said that Third Street is torn up and needs to be completely repaved at a cost of $30,000. This will come out of the Public Utilities budget even though it's roadwork. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the Change Order for this additional work.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Grayson, Chairman
Health, Sanitation, and Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.