HEALTH, SANITATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

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

YARD WASTE PROGRAM RENEWAL

Judy Hagen was present to request approval of a contract renewal with Modern Disposal for the yard waste program. Ms. Hagen said that it is a very popular program and the total tonnage increased in 2015 by over 150 tons from 2014. She said the program has no cost to the City and City staff no longer deliver bags or tags. She said there is no rate increase for residents and the program is running smoothly. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the contract renewal with Modern Disposal.

REQUEST TO HIRE ENGINEERING FIRM FOR SANITARY AND COMBINED SEWER FLOW ANALYSIS

Ms. Godsey requested approval of a contract with AECOM Technical Services to conduct flow metering and hydraulic modeling and to prepare a general plan in sewer areas tributary to combined sewer overflows and separated sewers tributary to Maple Street at Grassy Creek. Ms. Kabat asked if this will span wet and dry periods. Ms. Godsey said that she is requesting that this be passed as an emergency to get it in before the spring season. She added that if we happen to have a dry spring she may need to come back for an adjustment to extend the time of the contract. Mr. Smith asked how this would affect our permit that is due to be renewed in May. Ms. Godsey said that we expect our permit will have a compliance schedule to eliminate Maple Street overflows. Ms. Kabat stated that the EPA will just give us a date that we need to be in compliance by, they will not tell us how to do it. The contract with AECOM will help us be a step ahead when the requirements are received for the permit in May. The Committee discussed the selection process for choosing engineering firms and architects for projects. Ms. Kabat said that that this process is done every two years and City staff members are currently going through the process of ranking firms. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of a contract with AECOM Technical Services not to exceed $248,900.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. Smith asked about the amount budgeted for billing software. Ms. Godsey explained that they have used the current software since 1995. They were supposed to get an upgrade in 2014 but still don't have it so they are moving on. Mr. Smith asked if we paid for any of the upgrade that we did not receive. Ms. Godsey said we have not. The Committee discussed the Sherman Place sanitary sewer rehab. Ms. Godsey explained that the minimum size for a public sewer is 8" and this sewer line is only 6". It is clay tile which has a tendency to leak at the joints and there are a lot of trees in the area. The line

is located within a 5’ easement which does not give us enough room. The best solution is to pipe burst the existing line. This technology has been around for over 30 years. It requires excavation at each lateral where the house ties into it, and the project is estimated to cost $300,000. It is now in design with Feller Finch and Ms. Godsey hopes to bring a request to go to bid to next month’s meeting. Mr. VanHoozen asked how many houses are affected, and Ms. Godsey said there are fifteen. Mr. Smith asked if it would be better to move the line since the easement is so small. Ms. Godsey said that the cost of the project would be three to four times as much if we moved the line. Ms. Kabat said that if we need a larger easement the Administration can discuss that prior to the next meeting. Ms. Williams asked if the affected property owners are aware of the work. Ms. Godsey said that they were sent letters last summer and they will be sent reminders and there may be a meeting with the property owners. Also in the budget amendment is a new dump truck that would hold a lot more gravel and stone. Ms. Godsey said that they calculated that they will save on average 416 trips per year versus with the current truck and will save approximately $19,000 a year in labor so with the cost of the truck being $165,000, that is a payback of 6.9 years. Mr. Smith asked what the average life span of a dump truck is, and Ms. Godsey said 15 to 20 years. Mr. Smith asked if we will be getting rid of the old truck and Ms. Kabat said that we will keep it as a back-up but if it looks like we are starting to put money into it we will get rid of it. The Committee also discussed replacement of undersized water lines.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Health, Sanitation & Public Utilities Committee