

HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

JANUARY 27, 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 was Alice Godsey, Public Utilities Director.

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY- CSSD 211 PHASE 1

Ms. Godsey requested approval of a Resolution of Necessity for Phase 1 of Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 211. Plans have been completed and this is the next step in the process as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code for assessment projects. Once the Resolution is approved, the Clerk will send certified letters to affected property owners with the tentative assessment amount and property owners have a period of time to file an objection. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the Resolution.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE MINI-EXCAVATOR FROM STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Ms. Godsey requested approval of an ordinance authorizing the purchase of a mini-excavator and trailer from Southeastern Equipment Company through the State Purchasing Program for \$87,468.50. This item was in the 2015 budget and was carried over. It will be used for repairs of storm, water and sanitary pipes where a backhoe cannot be used. The Department of Public Utilities is currently renting a mini-excavator to do the work. Mr. Smith asked about the life expectancy of the equipment. Ms. Godsey said that it should last 12-15 years depending on how it is used. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the ordinance authorizing this purchase.

STATUS REPORT ON OPWC GRANT APPLICATIONS

Ms. Godsey reported that she received notification that the City has been awarded a \$175,000 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to rehab sewers along Maple Street at Grassy Creek. The grant will actually be released on July 1st. The amount of the project is \$493,000 so the City's share is \$318,000. She said that the scope of the project will be trenchless sewer repair. A contractor will bring in a lining for the sewer lines and it gets pushed from one manhole to another. Mr. Smith asked how long this technology has been around. Ms. Godsey said that she used it over twenty years ago. There was discussion regarding the sewage overflows. Ms. Godsey said that although the EPA is aware of it when we discharge into Grassy Creek, it is still illegal and we have been notified that when our permit is issued for the plant this year they will be giving us a deadline to get the issues resolved. Mr. VanHoozen asked if we have a plan in place to deal with it. Ms. Godsey said that we are in the process of selecting an engineer for the design of a Maple Street bypass and to give us an idea of how many overflows will occur at the river when all sewers are separated. Mr. VanHoozen asked how much distance the project that we received the grant for will fix. Ms. Godsey said it will fix less than 10,000 feet of sewer; the entire system is 100 miles. Ms. Godsey said that we arrived at this amount because OPWC wants smaller projects. She said this is a place to start in eliminating the overflows.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith asked when the water and sewer rate study would be completed. Ms. Godsey said that it will be done by mid-October and hopefully sooner if at all possible.

The Committee discussed testing for lead that is done on our water supply to ensure that we do not have similar issues to some other communities that have been in the news recently. Ms. Godsey said that since 2000 we have barely had even a detection of lead in any of our samples. She added that the water from Toledo is actually non-corrosive which creates a build-up in the lines and protects it from lead. She said this is the exact opposite of what happened in Flint.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
HSPU Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.