

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

JANUARY 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairperson Kevin Fuller. Committee members present were Kevin Fuller, Jan Materni, and Jonathan Smith. Also present were Kate Sandretto, Law Director, Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities, 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 November 29, 2021 meeting were approved 2-0 (Smith, Materni). Mr. Fuller abstained.

SEWER CREDITS TABULATION

Ms. Godsey explained to the Committee members that for calendar year 2021, there were a total of 32 credits under \$1,000.00 each, that there were granted at an average of \$217. For the month of January 2022, there is one sewer credit for an outside spigot leak. Mr. Smith was curious what the WPBUSP acronym stood for and Ms. Godsey stated that it stands for water power back up sump pump. WL stands for water line.

WATER AND SEWER MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Ms. Sandretto explained that with the current fees associated with fixing and installing meters, that the City is currently losing money, because product costs are rising as well as employee's pay. She stated that because of this we need to consider raising the fees of these items. We are not looking to make money on this; we just do not want to lose money any longer. Mr. Smith wanted to know about the higher fees for outside versus inside water charges. Ms. Sandretto explained that citizens inside the City are contributing to the Income Tax base, which means this could be an incentive for those outside the City to annex. Ms. Godsey explained that the additional charge goes into the Reserve Fund and helps inside City residents. Mr. Fuller would like to see some comparison of inside and outside from local neighboring communities that are in this same situation. He would like to see this reviewed annually.

SANITARY SEWER OVERSIZING AGREEMENT

This Resolution authorizes an agreement with Coventry Glenn, LLC for the construction of oversized sewer infrastructure in conjunction with the real estate development of Coventry Pointe Plat Two. The agreement has been drafted to be consistent with the City's Sanitary Sewer Master Plan and the Sewer Infrastructure Cost Recovery document. The difference in the cost due to oversizing is reimbursed to the Developer pursuant to the terms of the cost sharing agreement. Mr. Fuller was curious why an emergency measure for this was appropriate. Ms. Sandretto is asking for it to be an emergency because we have to reimburse the Developer, who up fronted the money. The Committee agreed 3-0 to send this onto City Council for approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fuller, Chairperson
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.