

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

JANUARY 22, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Jan Materni, Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

UPDATE ON FORT MEIGS DITCH DESIGN

Ms. Kabat reported that Ms. Godsey just received a twelve page proposal document from CT Consultants about the Fort Meigs Ditch. The proposal includes a base design to do plans and specifications, bidding documents, and some project management for approximately \$36,000. The document also contains some add-on items, and they will be meeting with CT Consultants to find out if these items are needed. Ms. Kabat said that after the meeting they will send the document along with further explanation to the Committee.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION

Ms. Kabat stated that the Administration has decided that they need to engage a company or individual to physically make contact with each water customer that is required to have a back flow device and build a database with the required information. There are approximately 800 accounts that fall into this classification which includes commercial, industrial and institutional uses, and we have no dedicated staff for this. There was discussion regarding other entities like the Northwestern Water and Sewer District and Bowling Green who have two employees that are dedicated to back flow. Mr. Smith clarified that those entities both require back flow devices for residential customers. Ms. Kabat said that they do, but only on new residential. Mr. VanHoozen said that we might want to consider it for new residential also.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. VanHoozen asked if there were dollars in the budget amendment for ditch maintenance. Ms. Kabat said that there was \$150,000 in the budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.