

SERVICE-SAFETY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Matuszak. Committee members present were Jim Matuszak and Barry VanHoozen. John Kevern was absent. Also present was City Administrator Bridgette Kabat.

AGREEMENT WITH ODOT FOR DIVERGING DIAMOND PROJECT

Ms. Kabat asked for approval of an agreement with ODOT regarding the Diverging Diamond project. She stated that this legislation contains the standard language used when ODOT is working within the City. She added that she confirmed with ODOT that this does not impact discussions that the City is having with ODOT regarding additional landscaping. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the ordinance.

FIRE DIVISION BUDGET

Fire Chief Jeff Klein did a high level of review of the Fire Division's 2016 budget. He explained increases in line items and one time purchases. He stated that the increased wages are based on the collective bargaining agreement and they are asking for two vehicles. The first vehicle is to replace the chief's vehicle which is a 2007 Expedition four wheel drive that is starting to show its age. The second vehicle in the budget is a rescue engine that would replace the heavy rescue vehicle and a 1990 engine that is currently held as a reserve engine. The new rescue engine would carry hydraulic rescue tools and would be used as a primary engine. This way the rescue tools would be on scene in the event they would be needed and the fleet would be reduced by one vehicle, thereby reducing on-going maintenance costs. Mr. VanHoozen asked what is being sacrificed by going from two vehicles to one. Chief Klein said that they would be reducing the number of seats available to get firefighters to the scene, but that they would still have a sufficient number of seats available. Another line item in the budget that was mentioned by the chief was the Storz Hydrant Adapters, which is a five year project to retrofit our existing hydrants so they have a universal connector. Mr. Matuszak asked if this is the last year of this five year project. Chief Klein said that there will probably be one more year because money budgeted for the project in previous years had been used, in part, for other endeavors. Mr. Matuszak asked why the budgeted amount for employee insurance is going up relative to prior year information since the budgeted amounts for some other departments for the same line item appears to have been reduced relative to prior year information. Ms. Kabat said that the cost of insurance is not going up and that the change reflects adjustments made to correctly budget for the known quantities of single and family coverage. Mr. VanHoozen asked Chief Klein what he asked for that was not included in the budget. The Chief said that they requested a cot lift system, which he described for the committee.

POLICE DIVISION BUDGET

Ms. Kabat stated that the two large purchases included in the 2016 budget for the Police Division are two Tahoes and an in-car video system. Chief Paez reviewed the Police Budget explaining the increases and decreases in each line item. He said that they are asking for two replacement Tahoes at a total cost of \$62,000. He said that

these vehicles are lasting longer than the previous vehicles which had been replaced at 90,000 to 100,000 miles versus 140,000 miles on the Tahoes. Chief Paez said the other large purchase is for an in-car video system at a cost of \$150,000. He said that they have discussed options and have decided against the body cameras at this point because he feels there are some bugs to be worked out and he still has concerns regarding the use of body cameras and individual privacy matters. He noted that the in-car video system would also include video equipment in their interview rooms. He explained that these would produce evidentiary videos and the prosecutor said that these videos would provide higher quality and resolution. Chief Paez said the cost of the system includes the infrastructure, server, and storage capacity, and body cameras could be added to the system in the future if we decide that that is something we would like to implement. Mr. Matuszak asked about annual maintenance costs. Chief Paez said that we would be good into 2017. Ms. Kabat said that a good rule of thumb is roughly 8-10% per year based on the initial acquisition cost. Chief Paez said that in-car videos have been around since the 1980's and he believes it is time.

PERMISSION TO ACCEPT PAVEMENT MARKING BID

Ms. Kabat said that we received eleven bids for the pavement marking program with the lowest and best bid coming from Zimmerman Paint Contractors for \$83,416.80. The bid estimate was only \$77,000 which is less than the lowest and best bid. Nonetheless, the lowest and best bid does not exceed the 10% threshold ($\$77,000 \times 10\% = \$84,700$) and the resources available in the fund are sufficient to cover the contract. Ms. Kabat added that she spoke to the Law Director and in the past the thought had been that we had to do all lines and crosswalks each year for liability reasons. However, that is not necessarily the case so after this year we will switch to doing roughly half of the striping each year although we will probably do all crosswalks every year. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the contract with Zimmerman Paint Contractors. Ms. Kabat said that we would like to do the pavement marking in conjunction with the resurfacing and due to the weather, the Administration is requesting that this be an emergency measure.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Kabat reported that Palmer Energy, our energy consultant, got RFP's for natural gas aggregation at the request of the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC), of which Perrysburg is a member. They received fourteen different proposals from four bidders. The program that the members chose is a program from Volunteer Energy that guarantees ratepayers a savings off of the Columbia Gas Standard Choice rate, which is the base rate, from December 2015 through April 2016. From May 2016 through April 2017 the ratepayers are guaranteed that the rate will be no higher than the Columbia Gas Standard Choice rate. They project that the program will save the ratepayers at least \$15 over the seventeen months of the agreement. Although this does not seem like a lot of money, when that number is calculated for all members of NOAC, it will save between half a million and \$1.4 million dollars. It should be noted that this is an opt-out program so residents will not have to do anything to participate and if they already have an aggregation agreement, this will not supersede that agreement. Ms. Kabat said that the Administration will do their best to get this information on the website and out in social media in an effort to keep our ratepayers informed. Mr. VanHoozen asked what Perrysburg's level of participation is in the aggregation. Ms. Kabat said that she will

check with our energy consultant. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the ordinance regarding the natural gas aggregation agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Matuszak, Chairman
Service-Safety Committee

Next meeting: Monday, October 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.