

Minutes of Perrysburg Public Utilities Committee

Meeting Held February 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:51 p.m. by Mr. Fuller.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present were Kevin Fuller, Kerry Wellstein, and Rick Rettig. Also present were Tim Effler, Law Director, AJ Coleman, Deputy Director of Public Utilities, and Brian Thomas, City Engineer.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 1/24/24 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting were approved.

SEWER CREDITS TABULATION

Mr. Coleman presented the Sanitary Sewer Credits since the last Public Utilities Committee Meeting. The four credits totaled \$829.58. Mr. Coleman noted that nothing needs to be approved by City Council. Mr. Rettig asked if they have all been checked out. Mr. Coleman responded that they have and all are good.

ALLEY WATER MAIN AND SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT - CONTRACT AWARD TO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, INC.

This is being tabled for this evening.

UPDATE ON HOUSE BILL 33 - STATE CHANGES TO THE BIDDING PROCESS Mr.

Thomas explained that he wanted to share the updates to House Bill 33 with Service and Public Utilities Committees, since they are generally the two that deal the most with bidding. The first change is that municipalities now have the option to publish things, by law, on the City's website and social media, rather than just the newspaper. Mr. Effler will look into whether we still have to publish in the newspaper, or can just publish on the website and social media.

Mr. Thomas stated that the second change is an increase in the bidding threshold from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 through 2024 and will increase by three percent every year after that to account for inflation. He noted that it will not change the bidding Ordinance that was passed last year, and it will still apply to anything over \$50,000.00.

The third change is that if all project bids came in over ten percent above the engineer's

estimate, they could not accept any of them. This number has been increased to twenty percent above the estimate. This does not mean that they have to accept it, if it is over ten percent, there is just the option to. Mr. Thomas wanted to make them all aware of the changes. Mr. Fuller asked when this took effect. Mr. Effler verified that it took effect on October 3, 2023.

AUCTION VEHICLES ON GOVDEALS.COM

Mr. Coleman stated that one of the vehicles is a 2005 Ford F250 Super Duty. The second vehicle is a 2005 International 4300-DT 466 Dump Truck. These vehicles are no longer needed and have served their purpose. Mr. Rettig asked about the quote being for a 2006. Mr. Coleman responded that when he typed in the VIN, it came up as a 2006, so he went with that.

Mr. Fuller asked how or when they determine to remove a vehicle from service and deem it unusable. Mr. Coleman responded that it is subjective because they put a lot of hard miles on their vehicles, and it can sometimes be a safety thing too. Mr. Fuller asked who performs the maintenance on our vehicles. Mr. Coleman responded that Public Utilities takes the vehicles to Public Service for maintenance and added that they do a great job. There being no objections, these are both being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Coleman mentioned that they had a substantial water main break last Friday and was impressed with the teamwork for this critical situation. Mr. Fuller asked if it was a twenty-four inch water main that broke. Mr. Coleman responded that yes it was. Mr. Fuller also asked if it was a fitting or pipe that broke. Mr. Coleman responded that it was the pipe itself, it settled, and eventually gave way.

Mr. Fuller asked Mr. Coleman to explain the process of the Sanitary Sewer Credits. Mr. Coleman explained the process begins when they get a high or continuous usage marker on the meter. They will work with the resident, require a dye test, and will offer them a sanitary only credit. Mr. Fuller asked how the dye test works. Mr. Coleman responded that it is scheduled with the billing clerks, and then they have someone stand at the nearest storm man hole to watch for the dye to come through.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fuller, Chairperson
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.