

SERVICE COMMITTEE

June 3, 2024

The June 3, 2024 Service Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Dale Rowe, Chairman. Service Committee members present were Aaron Korte, Dale Rowe, and Andy Voorheis.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Doug Keller, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor; Dave Schneider, Collections System Supervisor; Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; Eric Honaker, Water Distribution Supervisor; Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$157,183.26 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$157,183.26. Upon Voice Vote, Mr. Korte and Mr. Rowe voted Yes and Mr. Voorheis abstained. The Chairman declared the motion carried by a 2-0-1 vote.

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The minutes of the May 30, 2024 special Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Taylor presented additional information regarding the west side of the property located at 401 North Sandusky Avenue indicating that the new property owner wants to remove the existing asphalt between the building and the sidewalk and replace it with sod. The owner is willing to place the sod and is asking for the City's assistance in removing the asphalt and installing curbs. Service Committee members voiced no objections to this request.

Mayor McColly noted that the company who contacted him to address sidewalk repairs within the City will be providing a demonstration in the 300 block of North Sandusky Avenue on Friday, June 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Schoenberger requested approval for the hiring of Holden Daris and Gavin Frey as summer help in the Water Treatment Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Rowe, to approve the hiring of Holden Daris and Gavin Frey as summer help for the Water Treatment Department. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Taylor indicated that Cory Miller, Street and Sanitation employee, has obtained his CDL making him eligible for a 50¢ per hour pay increase.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to approve a 50¢ per hour pay increase for Cory Miller for obtaining his CDL. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Service Committee members again discussed the hiring of a part-time utility clerk for the Water Office. Mr. Korte voiced his opposition to this hiring noting that with the automation in this office and other options available for customers to pay their bills he is not in favor of backfilling this position and he doesn't think this hiring is a good use of city funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to hire Michelle Halter as a part-time utility clerk in the Water Office. Upon Voice Vote, Mr. Rowe and Mr. Voorheis voted Yes, Mr. Korte voted No. The Chairman declared the motion carried by a 2-1 vote.

Mr. Taylor reported that Crane Township will be chip sealing Township Highway 122, located north of East Wyandot Avenue and they are willing to bring the chip sealing to East Wyandot Avenue if the City is willing to pay for the portion of this roadway located within the City. Service Committee members voiced no objections to paying for this work.

Considerable discussion was again held regarding increases in water rates.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Rowe, to increase water rates as follows:

- Increase the residential base unit charge from \$10.00 (currently) to \$23.00 this year with an additional \$1.00 increase each year beginning January 1, 2025.
- Increase the industrial and commercial unit charges according to the size of the water line based upon a multiplier provided by RCAP.
- Continue the charge of \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons of water (2,000 gallons minimum per month) for this year and increase the charge by 25¢ per 1,000 gallons (2,000 gallons minimum) each year beginning January 1, 2025.
- Maintain the \$16.00 per 1,000 gallons for bulk water.
- Maintain the \$16.00 per 1,000 gallons to fill a swimming pool with additional charges for labor.
- Increase fire protection by 25% this year, and increase this coverage by 3% each year beginning in January 1, 2025.

with the legislation to be a non-emergency measure to take effect thirty (30) days following the adoption of the legislation and future increases to take effect on January 1 of each year. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Keller reported that the UV lights at the Wastewater Treatment Plant have been fixed.

Mr. Keller also reported that a pump has been purchased to replace the pump that stopped working in Rivers Edge Subdivision.

Mr. Keller further reported on notice received by the City of an award of \$7.1 million in grant funding towards a wastewater main project as a result of Valencia, the Louis Dreyfus soybean processing facility, to be built to the west of the City in Salem Township.

Mr. Schoenberger reported that everything is going well at the Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Taylor reported that concrete was poured recently along South Sandusky Avenue to repair damage and replace poles in the downtown following the accident in September 2023 when a boom truck drove thru downtown with the boom extended causing considerable damage.

Mr. Taylor also reported that the wayfinding sign has been placed in the downtown at the southwest corner of the Wyandot Avenue and Sandusky Avenue intersection.

Mr. Taylor further reported that the Street Department will be working to patch potholes in streets and alleys.

Mr. Schneider reported that a sink hole along East Wyandot Avenue was repaired today.

Mr. Schneider also reported that the wash out of the lane behind the Wastewater Treatment Plant will be addressed following the replacement of two manholes.

Mr. Honaker indicated that he continues to work on the water use survey.

Mr. Honaker also noted that the swimming pool in Harrison Smith Park is up and operating.

Mayor McColly thanked Mr. Taylor for the safety measures put in place for the Memorial Day Parade that took place on Monday, May 27, 2024.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Dale Rowe, Chairman