

SERVICE COMMITTEE

August 5, 2024

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

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Doug Keller, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor; Dave Schneider, Collections System Supervisor; Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; Sue Barker; Steve Barker; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$251,825.97 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$251,825.97. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the July 15, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

At this time Sue and Steve Barker, 468 Indian Mill Drive, addressed the Service Committee requesting approval for the removal of an AEP pole and street light located at the end of their narrow driveway. The Barkers contacted the neighbors on both sides and those neighbors voiced no objections to the removal of this pole and street light. It was noted that there are other street lights nearby which provide adequate light.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to approve the removal of the pole and street light adjacent to the driveway at 468 Indian Mill Drive. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

Service Committee members discussed possible increases in the sanitation rates and reviewed a Billed Services Report. It was noted that estimated costs for upcoming expenses include \$300,000.00 for a new garbage truck with a tipper arm, \$233,000.00 for tipper cans to possibly be provided at no cost to each residence within the City, and \$34,000.00 for building improvements at the street barn to house the new garbage truck. Service Committee members agreed to hold a special meeting next week to make a recommendation to City Council regarding sanitation rate increases.

Service Committee members reviewed the refuse contract with the Wyandot County Senior Fair Board for the 2024 Wyandot County Fair to be held September 9 – 14. It was noted that the rates under this contract have not changed since 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to approve the refuse contract with the Wyandot County Senior Fair Board for the 2024 Wyandot County Fair at a cost of \$5,450.00 for eight trips, being a \$200.00 increase from 2023, plus \$700.00 for any added trips and again offer the option of having an additional dumpster delivered on Saturday of the fair at a cost of \$100.00. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Schoenberger reported that the last day for the summer help was Friday, August 2, 2024. Mr. Schoenberger indicated that Rick Gagnon, retired school employee, has expressed interest in working for the remainder of the year as a part-time seasonal worker and he is willing to begin work this week.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mr. Korte, to approve the hiring of Rick Gagnon as a part-time season worker at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Keller reported that everything is going well at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the employees are conducting regular maintenance. Mr. Keller noted that a minor repair was done on a lift station today.

Mr. Schoenberger reported that the transmission went out on the Water Treatment Plant's John Deere Gator and the cost to repair this equipment will be approximately \$3,000.00 including parts and labor.

Mr. Schoenberger also reported that a representative from the EPA will be at the Water Treatment Plant tomorrow to go over things on the wastewater side of the plant.

Mr. Schneider reported that he will be working tomorrow on a storm sewer located between Terrace Drive and Chestnut Drive; and he will also be working on a storm sewer located on North Sandusky Avenue, near Church Street, in the near future.

Mayor McColly reported on behalf of Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, that the street paving has been completed and he is currently waiting on tar and chip to be applied.

Mayor McColly also reported that Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. presented information in Columbus to representatives from the State for the Small Cities Grant program.

Mayor McColly further reported that he will be attending a meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 with Crawford Township representatives regarding a waterline to Crawford.

Mayor McColly indicated that he is trying to figure out the most efficient way for the Service Committee members to know what is going on within the City.

Mr. Korte indicated that he would prefer meetings to be held earlier in the day. This matter will be discussed further.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Service Committee reconvened into regular session.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Aaron Korte, Acting Chairman