

SERVICE COMMITTEE

August 19, 2024

The August 19, 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; Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Stephanie Hessey, Human Resource Officer; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$160,454.32 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$160,454.32. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the August 5, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Service Committee members again discussed increases to the sanitation rates, particularly the dump charges for containers as there was an error in the amounts approved and recommended to City Council at the August 13, 2024 special Service Committee meeting for the 6 yard and 8 yard containers. The 6 yard container dump charge was approved at \$60.00 and the 8 yard container dump charge was approved at \$72.00, and at \$12.00 per yard the dump charges for these containers should be \$72.00 and \$96.00 respectively. The possibility of amending the wording recommending the dump charges for containers to be \$12.00 per yard was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Rowe, to amend the recommendation to City Council for the dump charges per pick up for containers, eliminating the table showing the container sizes and dump charges found in the Codified Ordinances, to instead state, "Non-hazardous sanitation service for customers shall be billed and collected monthly, at a charge of \$12.00 per yard each time a sanitation container is dumped.". Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Service Committee members reviewed a resignation notice from Water Department employee Haiden Gruber, effective August 16, 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to accept the resignation of Haiden Gruber, Water Department employee, effective August 16, 2024. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Taylor indicted that due to the upcoming Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2, 2024, trash that is normally picked up on Mondays will be picked up on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

It was noted that the Service Committee will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2, 2024.

Mr. Taylor noted that Fall Clean-Up for residential sanitation customers will be held during the week on September 23 – 27, 2024.

Mr. Keller reported that he has been in contact with representatives from Valencia, the soybean processing facility to be located west of the City in Salem Township, regarding the improvements to the City's sewer system and he has been preparing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering for the project that will be advertised and sent to interested engineering firms.

Mr. Taylor reported that Mr. Gary Huffman and the Street Department has completed the roadway resurfacing work and the budget will be reviewed to determine if any additional work can be completed. The Street Department is currently working to mill and fill alleys, and Zimmerman Painting will be in the City next week to restripe the roadways that were resurfaced.

Mr. Schneider reported that he worked to clean a storm tile today on Raybestos Drive, last week he worked on a catch basin located on Terrace Drive near the intersection of Houpt Drive, and also last week he worked on a storm tile located between Terrace Drive and Chestnut Drive.

Mayor McColly reported that a \$1,000.00 check was received today from the Public Entities Pool (PEP) from an application sent last year from Mr. Taylor for signage.

Mayor McColly indicated that he will be meeting with a representative from an industry located on Commerce Way about areas of the City right-of-way that need to be addressed.

Mayor McColly also reported that he met with Mr. Bruce Brandstetter, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., last week and noted that Ms. Cindy Brooks applied to RCAP for funding for a waterline to Crawford which was approved and will assist with the cost of engineering for this project.

Mayor McColly stated that he will be attending a West Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (WARPO) meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2024 to find out the availability of funding for future projects.

Mayor McColly noted that last week Mr. Chad Smith spent a day with him as Mayor for a Day and they toured the Water Reclamation Facility.

Mayor McColly further reported that the area safety forces will be holding their annual Battle of the Badges softball games on Saturday, August 24, 2024 in Sycamore, Ohio.

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

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Dale Rowe, Chairman