

## SERVICE COMMITTEE

September 3, 2024

The September 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; Dave Schneider, Collections System Supervisor; Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; Eric Honaker, Water Distribution Supervisor; Kate Niederkohr; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$144,555.88 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$144,555.88. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the August 19, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

At this time Mayor McColly presented a recommendation made by the Downtown Committee at their August 12, 2024 meeting to the Safety Committee, Service Committee, and City Council to close the east/west alley in the 100 block of North Sandusky Avenue located along the west side, from North Sandusky Avenue west to the adjoining north/south alley. A closure of the alley is being recommended so the City can maintain control of the alley, instead of a vacation which the adjacent property owners would each own half of the alley. Mr. Honaker and Mr. Schoenberger both indicated that there is a water main line that is located under the roadway in that alley. This area would be utilized to provide a communal seating area with tables and chairs and Edison lights could be hung in the alley either by anchors on the buildings or from posts. Mr. Mike Hill, who owns the adjacent building to the north, at 120 North Sandusky Avenue, has agreed to work with the Downtown Committee to provide electricity for the Edison lights. The possibility of additional parking spaces on North Sandusky Avenue at the current alley entrance was discussed as a possibility by the Safety Committee along with the placement of large flower pots. Service Committee members voiced no objections provided there are no permanent structures installed in the alley.

Mayor McColly presented a bill from a resident who had a sewer on their property repaired recently and requested assistance from the City in paying for this repair. Service Committee members indicated that the City is not responsible for the cost of this repair.

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

Mr. Schoenberger presented a quote from Filmtec Corporation, 5400 Dewey Hill Road, Edina, Minnesota 55349-2085, for a skid of filters for the Water Treatment Plant at a total cost of \$109,000.00. Mr. Schoenberger indicated that this skid of filters is currently located in the United States so the expense of shipping from Australia, where the filters are produced, will not be necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to recommend to City Council to approve the quote from Filmtec Corporation for a skid of filters for the Water Treatment Plant at a total cost of \$109,000.00. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Schoenberger reported that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be at the Water Treatment Plant on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 to certify the laboratory.

Mr. Schneider reported that he will be working to replace a curb and gutter on North Sandusky Avenue, near Church Street, following the repair of a storm sewer.

Mr. Schneider also reported that he will be working to raise four (4) manholes, and tomorrow he will be investigating issues with a storm tile.

Mayor McColly, on behalf of Mr. Doug Keller, presented a draft revision of Chapter 939 of the City's Codified Ordinances addressing Sewer Service Rates, Rules and Regulations, as prepared by Peterman Associates for the Service Committee's review and consideration.

Mayor McColly, on behalf of Mr. Brad Taylor, reported that the Street Department is currently working on the alley program and trying out a new piece of equipment for resurfacing alleys.

It was noted that the City recently advertised Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for engineering services for the Warpole Street and Houpt Drive Sewer Interceptor Project. It was noted that this project will be part of the City's sewer interceptor improvements to accommodate for the new Valencia soybean processing facility to be located in Salem Township. Peterman Associates was the only engineering firm to submit their RFQs for this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to approve the RFQs information submitted by Peterman Associates for the Warpole Street and Houpt Drive Sewer Interceptor Project. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Dale Rowe, Chairman