

SERVICE COMMITTEE

December 16, 2024

The December 16, 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 and Dale Rowe. Andy Voorheis was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; 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 \$107,992.03 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$107,992.03. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the December 2, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Discussion was held regarding the new leaf machine and leaf pickup. Mr. Taylor indicated that the Dinkmar leaf machine is still being built as the company has been down on manpower. Mr. Taylor also noted that the loaner leaf machine has been returned and the dump truck used with the leaf machine has been prepared for snow plowing. Street Department employees picked up a pile of leaves today for a resident and will continue to pick up leaves as requested by residents. It was noted that approximately \$850.00 was spent on overtime for employees to operate the leaf machine additional hours to catch up on leaf pick up as approved by the Service Committee at the November 18, 2024 Service Committee meeting.

Mayor McColly presented equipment sales proposals from Best Equipment Company for a new automated garbage truck and three thousand (3,000) ninety-six (96) gallon totes and financing information from NCL Government Capital. It was noted that there was an order placed by a municipality with Best Equipment Company for four (4) automated garbage trucks and prior to delivery the municipality decided to privatize trash pickup and the order for the trucks was canceled. Two (2) of the trucks have been sold and two (2) remain for sale at a discount of \$100,000.00 off of the unit price. The reduced price of the automated garbage truck is \$390,000.00. The cost of the ninety-six (96) gallon totes is \$66.25 each and a total cost for three thousand (3,000) totes is \$208,250.00, including \$12,500.00 in freight cost to ship the totes from Statesville, North Carolina. It was noted that each sanitation customer subject to individual trash pick-up will receive a tote from the City at no cost. The possibility of ordering less totes was discussed. Mayor McColly stated that the automated garbage truck and totes are part of the State Purchasing Program, eliminating the need for competitive bidding. The automated garbage truck is available for immediate delivery and the delivery of the totes would take approximately three (3) weeks. Financing options for \$598,250.00 of the equipment cost include annual payments of \$229,673.81 for a three (3) year lease at 7.4% interest, or annual payments of \$175,982.70 for a four (4) year lease at 6.84% interest, or annual payments of \$143,881.92 for a five (5) year lease at 6.48% interest. The City's 2019 garbage truck which has approximately 58,000 miles could be auctioned or traded in on this purchase, and the trade-in of this vehicle is not included in the purchase of the new automated garbage truck.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Rowe, to table further discussion on this purchase and hold a special Service Committee meeting later this week when all of the members can be present. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Honaker reported that a hydrant cracked last week causing a water leak and affecting nine residences. This leak has been repaired.

Mr. Honaker also reported that a service on South Fifth Street will be dug up tomorrow as it has not been used in sometime and it is not working.

Mr. Taylor reported that Street Department employees are currently working on equipment maintenance at the street barn.

Mayor McColly reported on behalf of Mr. Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, that on December 10, 2024 asset management screening will be done as required by the EPA.

Mayor McColly reported on behalf of Mr. Doug Keller, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, that all City generators will be routinely serviced next week.

Mayor McColly also reported on behalf of Mr. Schoenberger that there are currently issues with high pressure involving the filters at the Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor McColly also reported on behalf of Mr. Keller that approximately seventy (70) students from Riverdale toured the Wastewater Treatment Plant last week along with a contingent from the Ohio Department of Health.

Mayor McColly reported that a meeting was held last week with representatives from the Louis Dreyfus Company for the Valencia soybean processing plant as there are a lot of loose ends and there was also another meeting held today with no answers. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2024 to try to work out an agreement and future meetings will be held as needed.

Mayor McColly indicated that the City needs to move on \$500,000.00 in financing that is available for the lift station for the Koehler property located north of US 23/US 30 and east of SR 53 N and south of SR 67. The total estimated cost for this project is \$800,000.00 to \$900,000.00. Natural gas to the site is also needed in order to get the property certified.

Mayor McColly further reported that a District 16 meeting was held on Friday, December 13, 2024 and the City's grant application for the Westside Waterline Extension was approved for funding. The total estimated cost of the project is \$339,000.00 and the grant awarded for the project is \$166,110.00.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Dale Rowe, Chairman