

## SERVICE COMMITTEE

January 6, 2025

The January 6, 2025 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; Allen Boes; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$118,203.74 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$118,203.74. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the December 16, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the December 18, 2024 special Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Allen Boes, former Street and Sanitation Supervisor, addressed the Service Committee regarding the new automated garbage truck recommended by the Service Committee to City Council for purchase. Mr. Boes noted that following the previous Service Committee meeting there was an article in the Daily Chief Union about the meeting and safety was cited by the Service Committee as a need for this purchase. Mr. Boes indicated that there have been no serious injuries related to garbage pick-up in at least 30+ years. Mr. Boes questioned if the City could justify buying this truck with payments to be made over several years. Service Committee members and Mr. Taylor explained to Mr. Boes that this proposed process for garbage pick-up is the future and will be more efficient than the current method and it will be safer for the employees.

Mayor McColly indicated that he has had discussions with Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, regarding the hiring of a new employee to replace Mr. Tim Clark, who is retiring, and it was determined that if a new employee is hired to replace Mr. Clark the City will not have the funds in the Sanitation Fund to make the payment for the new truck and toter carts. Mr. Taylor indicated that in his discussions with Mayor McColly they agreed to not hiring a new employee on a trial basis to see how the Sanitation Department operates with one less employee.

Service Committee members agreed to move the next Service Committee meeting from Monday, January 20, 2025 to Tuesday, January 21, 2025 due to the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

Mr. Taylor indicated that trash normally picked up on Mondays will be picked up on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 due to the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

A notice of retirement from Mr. Tim Clark, Sanitation Department employee, was reviewed, with his retirement effective February 28, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to accept the retirement of Mr. Tim Clark, Sanitation Department employee, effective February 28, 2025.

Mr. Keller reported that there is a pump at the Shannon Hollow lift station that will be replaced soon.

Mr. Keller also reported that new heaters were installed on Monday by Gottfried Electric.

Mr. Keller also noted that Peterman Associates have informed him that the Long Term Control Plan is nearly complete and the design of the lift station located on land owned by the Koehler Family, to the north of the City, is nearly complete.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Service Department employees have been patching streets when they're not plowing snow. Mr. Taylor indicated that Street Department employees plowed snow today for twelve (12) hours.

Mr. Korte inquired with Mr. Taylor as to if more trips to the recycling center to unload the recycling trailer are anticipated since #5 recyclable plastic has been added. Mr. Taylor indicated that he does not anticipate more trips to the recycling center.

Mr. Schneider reported that there were complaints from residents following recent rains and the issues were determined to be the responsibility of the home owners.

Mayor McColly reported that there will be a meeting with representatives from Omni Fiber next week.

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

---

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

---

Dale Rowe, Chairman