

SERVICE COMMITTEE

April 7, 2025

The April 7, 2025 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; Eric Honaker, Water Distribution Supervisor; Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$785,935.28 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$785,935.28. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the March 17, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Schoenberger reviewed the bid tabulation for the bids received for chemicals for the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the Service Committee members.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mr. Korte, to approve the chemical bids highlighted on the attached bid tabulation as the lowest and/or best bids received. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

Service Committee members discussed amendments to Chapter 951 Garbage and Refuse Collection in conjunction with the new automated garbage truck and toter cans. Mayor McColly indicated that he has received inquiries from residents asking about a second toter can and he and Mr. Taylor have discussed this inquiry and recommend that a second toter be provided, if requested, and an additional charge of \$6.00 per month be charged to empty the can on a customer's collection day. Doorhangers will be used to provide information about the toter cans to the customers. It was noted that only City issued toter cans will be picked up/emptied.

Service Committee members reviewed a schedule of charges as presented by Mr. Schneider at the March 17, 2025 Service Committee meeting. Charges included are for equipment and labor and were established in 2010 and 2012. Comparable rates from Darr's Cleaning and other communities were presented and reviewed. Mr. Schneider suggested the elimination of the charge for the backhoe as this equipment is not used for private purposes. The charge for hourly labor for employees was discussed and Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, will figure the hourly labor rates and provide this information to the Service Committee. The establishment of outside rates for work performed outside the City limits was discussed. Mr. Taylor indicated that he charges \$250.00 per hour for requests for use of the street sweeper. It was agreed that these rates will be discussed further at the next Service Committee meeting.

Mr. Schoenberger suggested Mr. Rick Gagnon be hired again as a seasonal part-time employee with the Water Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to approve the hiring of Mr. Rick Gagnon as a seasonal part-time employee with the Water Department. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following bids for the Tarhe Lift Station North were reviewed:

Wharton Excavating, LLC 7135 North Elyria Road West Salem, Ohio 44287	-	\$646,900.00
The Crawford Construction Co. Inc. 782 Charles Street PO Box 148 Galion, Ohio 44833	-	\$765,040.80

It was noted that Mr. Todd Jenkins, Peterman Associates, Inc., has reviewed the bids and recommended the approval of the bid from Wharton Excavating, LLC for \$646,900.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mr. Korte, to recommend to City Council to accept the bid of \$646,900.00 from Wharton Excavating, LLC for the Tarhe Lift Station North Project. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Honaker presented the following quotes to conduct a water system audit/leak detection survey:

Fluid Loss Prevention, LLC	-	\$6,125.00
Aqua-Line	-	\$6,994.00

Mr. Honaker suggested the quote from Fluid Loss Prevention, LLC be accepted for this work.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to approve the quote of \$6,125.00 from Fluid Loss Prevention, LLC to conduct a water loss audit of the City's water distribution system. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly presented a quote from Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. for engineering services for the Westside Waterline Extension to extend the waterline on CR 110 and CR 111 at a cost of \$20,500.00.

Mayor McColly also presented a quote from Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. for engineering services for the East Wyandot Avenue Repaving Project Phase II to repave East Wyandot Avenue from North Fourth Street to 3,250 feet west of the US 23/US 30 overpass, approximately where Burger King is located at 1583 East Wyandot Avenue, at a cost of \$110,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to recommend to City Council to approve the quote for engineering services from Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. for the East Wyandot Avenue Repaving Project Phase II at a cost of \$110,000.00. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Keller reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant made it through the last substantial rain event with only minor issues.

Mr. Schoenberger reported that residents have reported issues with the taste and smell of the City water. Mr. Schoenberger noted that the reservoir turned over, which is caused when water in an upper layer is heavier, or denser than the layer of water underneath it and temperatures either begin to cool off or significantly warm up during a change of seasons, the turnover process takes place. Mr. Schoenberger also noted that there was a fish kill in the reservoir that took place under the ice and was found when the ice thawed. Mr. Schoenberger noted that the water is being treated with activated carbon and extra filtration, and fire hydrants are being flushed, and the water tower will be cleaned in the upcoming months.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Street Department has been working patching streets and alleys and the hot mix plants are expected to be in operation at the end of April and at that point the Street Department can begin milling and filling alleys.

Mr. Taylor shared rules for trash pick-up as part of Spring Clean Up to take place April 21 – 25, 2025 and noted that door hangers can be handed out to residents if their trash is not picked up to inform them of the reason(s) why it was not picked up.

Mr. Schneider reported that a turbo on the vac truck was replaced recently and the tires on the vehicle were also replaced.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel. 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