

SERVICE COMMITTEE

May 19, 2025

The May 19, 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; Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; Eric Honaker, Water Distribution Supervisor; Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor; Nancy Lehnhart, Utility Officer Manager; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$87,127.36 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$87,127.36. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the May 5, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Keller reported that Mr. Dave Schneider, Collections System Supervisor, investigated a request for relief from the sewer portion of a utility bill as a result of a water leak, as presented by Mr. Doug Swartz at the May 19, 2025 Service Committee meeting for his rental property located at 369 West Bigelow Street, and Mr. Schneider found that all of the water emptied onto a stone based crawl space and not into the City sewer. Service Committee members agreed to relieve the sewer portion of Mr. Swartz's bill from the water leak which occurred in December 2024.

Service Committee members reviewed a draft of new language to be contained in Chapter 951 Garbage and Refuse Collection pertaining to automated trash collection and fees for cardboard collection.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Korte, to recommend revisions to Chapter 951 Garbage and Refuse Collection to City Council for their consideration. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Keller noted that a Long Term Control Plan, as prepared by Peterman Associates, was received recently and can be reviewed and discussed at the next Service Committee meeting.

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Mr. Schoenberger indicated that he was notified by the Ohio EPA of another municipality experiencing taste and odor issues with their water and after contacting that community's Water Supervisor he was informed that a certain type of algae was found in their reservoir that some people are very sensitive to. Mr. Schoenberger noted that the other municipality saw improvements to their water after working with Fontas Blue. Mr. Schoenberger will be meeting with Fontas Blue on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 for a consultation. Mr. Schoenberger stated that the Ohio EPA is satisfied with the steps that have been taken to resolve this issue and the City's water is safe for consumption.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Street Department finished up patching water leak holes last week.

Mr. Taylor also reported that this week the Street Department will be working on installing a wayfinding sign at the northeast corner of North Sandusky Avenue and East Walker Street and installing the barricades at each end of the alley to be closed located between 116 and 120 North Sandusky Avenue.

Mr. Honaker reported that he met last week with representatives Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. and Louis Dreyfus Company regarding water service to the soybean processing plant and existing water services on CH 110. The project will possibly be bid in July 2025.

Mayor McColly reported that Mr. Bruce Brandstetter, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., will be in the City soon to discuss the curbs and sidewalk at the northeast corner of East Wyandot Avenue and North Fourth Street.

Mayor McColly also reported on the open house held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 with representatives from the City, the Louis Dreyfus Company, and Peterman Associates and noted that all attendees appreciated being able to ask questions.

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