

**Public Service Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mrs. Richardson at 5:00pm.

Members Present: Tracy Richardson, Henk Berbee, J.R. Rausch

Others Present: Mike Andrako, Terry Emery, Jeremy Hoyt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the July 21, 2016 meeting were approved.

AGENDA ITEMS:

COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:

UPDATES ON THE STATE ROUTE 31 BRIDGE PROJECT: Mr. Hoyt handed out a factsheet to the Committee for review. Mr. Hoyt stated that ODOT has been moving in and setting up barrels. They have a meeting with ODOT on Friday, in which they will review the traffic signals and how everything will be timed. Mr. Andrako and Mr. Hoyt stated they had to fight hard to get the additional traffic signals on 31 during the project. Mrs. Richardson thanked them, because she was worried about the left turns on to 31 from US 33. (Mr. Hoyt did let the committee know of improvements that might impact traffic on 42 near Brock Road.) Mrs. Richardson said the further in advance we can notify people about road and infrastructure repairs the better. Mr. Emery stated that sometimes dealing with ODOT, they release information late, and we do the best we can to get it out right away to the citizens. Mr. Hoyt stated we should be on any distribution list that would affect traffic in the City. Mr. Hoyt said ODOT is hoping to have the first phase done in November and then start back up in April/May and be completed by June. Mrs. Richardson suggested ODOT put a sign to alert drivers of a signal change. Mr. Andrako stated that they will take a look at it.

Mr. Rausch asked if the signal will be on the software that Mr. Andrako can control the signal. Mr. Andrako stated yes, he will be able to control the signal but it might not be from his desk, however, he can view it from his desk. He mentioned he was working on getting some alert software for the area as well.

Mrs. Richardson thanked Mr. Hoyt and Mr. Andrako for the update on the project.

REVIEW OF SECTION 925.05: Mrs. Richardson mentioned the next item on the agenda is currently before Council. Mrs. Richardson stated there are a couple questions with regards to this topic. First question, did we ever locate where it specifies how the summer sewer rate is calculated? Mr. Andrako stated he wrote it down and that it was a comment in a Finance Committee meeting in 2011. The comment was we were going to

change it from 130% to 200% that came through Finance Committee and went before the Utility Working Group.

Mr. Andrako stated that a winter high credit is established through the months of October through April. Whichever month is the highest during October and April, is identified as the winter high. During the months of May through September a sewer credit will be issued for any amount over 200% times the winter high reading. Mr. Andrako gave out a sheet explaining how the ranks are calculated. Mr. Emery stated that they will be looking at this again in the Utility Working Group to see if they need to adjust the 200%. Mr. Emery said most communities don't do this, they just make the residents get a secondary meter. It was hard finding other communities to compare.

Mrs. Richardson asked if we are requiring secondary meters to be installed in new homes. Mr. Andrako stated no we do not require because it is still optional, and you do not know what kind of person is going to live there. It may or may not be a person who waters their lawn. He feels that requiring it would be an undue expense to the property owner. Mrs. Richardson said the cost of the meter would added to the total cost of the home. Mrs. Richardson asked Mr. Andrako to put a dollar amount to the examples he provided regarding summer sewer credit, so that we could see the cost savings for the property owners. Mr. Andrako stated that he would have to see what the exact use would be. He also stated that he can put some dollar amounts to these numbers. Mrs. Richardson asked Mr. Hoyt and Mr. Andrako to come up with a one-time credit for new home owners that are watering their sod. Mr. Emery said that it was a good idea, and they will bring it up at the next Utility Working Group meeting. Mrs. Richardson asked if the Utility Rate Working Group was a public meeting and if minutes were taken. Mr. Hoyt stated that he takes meeting minutes for the Working Group. Mrs. Richardson stated that she doesn't believe that most people know they are getting a summer sewer credit.

COMMENTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mrs. Richardson asked if there are any general updates, and how the reservoir was going. Mr. Hoyt said both the docking and earth work will be starting at the same time and we have a draft fact sheet. Mr. Andrako stated that they would be putting out information on Facebook, when it gets closer to the time of closing. Mrs. Richardson asked if dogs will be allowed at the reservoir park. They currently are not allowed but she has noticed that isn't being enforced. Mr. Andrako stated that yes, the dogs will be allowed at the reservoir, it would not harm the water. Mr. Emery agreed.

Mrs. Richardson asked when the new Kroger would be opening. Mr. Hoyt stated he has heard October 5th, and they also plan to open the gas station a month prior.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm