

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 10, 2012

Immediately Following Committee of the Whole

City Hall

Parks, Service & Safety

*Beryl D. Anderson, Chair
Stephen Renner
Brandon Wright*

Members Present: Beryl D. Anderson, Stephen Renner and Brandon Wright

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Dottie Franey, Brandi Braun, Mayor Stinchcomb, Shane Ewald, Chief Murphy, Karl Wetherholt, Mike Andrako, Isobel Sherwood, Brian Larick; Press.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0211-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AT&T TO RENEW OUR CENTREX SERVICE CONTRACT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Braun said I am happy to report that we can withdraw this ordinance from the agenda; all but one line has been identified; would have to redo the contract anyway because it is for a minimum of two lines. Anderson asked what the lines are for. Braun said one was for water billing on line credit cards; one was a fax line; one was for the old police number 471-8080 that routed to the new number that we kept after we changed phone system 10 years ago; was a non emergency number that went into the PD; Service was very helpful in this process.

Recommendation: Withdraw from agenda.

Recommended for Indefinite Postponement.

ISSUES - From Department of Technology:

Authorize Agreement - OARnet

Braun said we currently have only one Internet source and we really need a second so that we will not have service interruptions that could almost shut down City operations; asking for authorization for the Mayor to enter into MOU with OARnet so that we have a secondary fail-over Internet source so that we can remain functional through service disruptions.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, with waiver of 2nd Reading; Consent.

ISSUES - From Director of Public Service:

Supp. App. - Water Purchase Expense

Franey said every year we estimate how much water we will purchase from City of Columbus; depending on the weather that cost may be higher; had a very dry summer so we used more water with people watering lawns, etc.; also cannot predict leaking and waterlines breaking; we need additional funds to pay Columbus for the 4th quarter water; asking for supplemental in the amount of \$500,000 from the Water Fund.

Recommendation; 1st Reading, waiver of 2nd Reading, Consent.

Supp. App. & Transfer - Oklahoma Service Building Emergency Repair

Franey said Russ Sims, our Utilities Superintendent came into his office one morning at the service building and the south wall of his office had shifted and come away from the building over an inch; had Building Inspector out and he said it was safe to work in but

needed to pursue a fix as soon as possible; cannot just let it go and do nothing; contacted Arcon construction who has done a lot of work for us and have always been reasonable; their figure came back at \$48,029, which is higher than we anticipated; decided to solicit estimates from additional construction companies and are waiting on those; would like to go ahead with the transfer of \$30,000, and a supplemental for \$18,029, in case Arcon is the lowest and best bidder; have looked at other options and hate to put more money into this building, but it is our best option right now.

Mayor said we hate to spend this but are not ready to move on the new service complex on lot 6; have to do band aid fix even though we hate to do it; we are not in a place right now where we can do anything else.

Recommendation; Transfer & Supplemental; 1st Reading, waiver of 2nd Reading, Consent.

Supp. App. - Salary Expense

Franey said there was an error when 2012 salary items were estimated; we used the 2011 figures, but certain positions were not completely funded in 2011 so the figures were wrong; asking for supplemental to make up the difference needed to fund through the end of 2012; need funds in the street and sewer accounts.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, waiver of 2nd Reading, Consent.

Donna L. Jernigan, MMC, Sr. Deputy Clerk of Council