



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### Public Service & Safety

Office of the Clerk of Council  
200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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Monday, November 9, 2015

Council Committee Rooms

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#### Immediately Following Finance Committee

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leeseberg called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

**Present** 3 - Jamie Leeseberg, Michael Schnetzer, and Ryan P. Jolley

#### ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

##### 1. 2016 Franklin County Public Health Contract

Franey said each year we enter into contract with them; this year it brings a 5% increase; annual contribution will be \$250,676; asking for an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into this contract; asking for emergency to be effective by January 1; Kneeland asked if they give us a projected percentage increase; Franey said not a full year, a small notice was given; this is in the 2016 appropriations; said they have been doing a lot of outreach; they have had some major changes.

**RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as Emergency, Consent Agenda.**

##### 2. Code Modifications - Chapters 921 Sanitary Sewer Rates and 929 Water Connections & Rates

Franey said this is for two pieces of legislation; will modify two parts of the code; Niagara has been incredibly positive for the City of Gahanna; this year we are able to put through a zero increase for water operations; we are able to roll back water capital slightly; sanitary is the complete opposite; have been using our carry-over to buy the rates back; at this point we need to recover; Columbus has given their 2016 increases and they show 4% on water and 3% on sanitary; when we incorporate that, we find our water rates can stay the same and our water capital can be lowered; sewer operational needs to be increased; sewer capital needs increased as well; Columbus consent order, where they are required by the EPA to separate their sewers, they charge us based on impervious area; each year they give the rate for that; \$7.80/eru to \$7.88/eru is the increase; a household is one ERU; other changes involve grammar, cleaning it

up, modifying some wording; Leeseberg asked if the credit is by their tap; Franey said it is for their current tap value at the size; Schnetzer asked if it was charged by the storm; Franey said yes, is based on the impervious areas; a study was done to get the typical square footage of a home in Gahanna, and that is considered an ERU; that is how you come up with how many ERU's a business charge is; Schnetzer asked if they can receive a credit on their stormwater bill; Franey said they can get their stormwater reduced by retaining additional water; just recently talked about those; a gravel area is considered impervious at this point; Leeseberg asked, for residential properties, if they are charged a stormwater fee; Franey said yes; Leeseberg asked if there was a way to get a credit for that; Franey said a resident gets a credit taken away from what they pay quarterly; because the general fund transfers tax dollars into the storm fund, by code; currently they cannot get a credit for a rain-barrel or rain-guard; not saying it will never happen, we are just not at that point now; would encourage people to do it, but will need to be managed, maintained, and verified; Schnetzer said Columbus is increasing their rate they charge us by 4%, asked if they ever gave us a long-run of projection of how they manage their system; Franey said each year they hold a series of public meetings where they go through capital projects and they go through all of that; said we get about 5-6 years of projected rates; said they talk about long-range projects; in the Columbus consent order, they show the full spreadsheets of what they anticipate spending and their amount of funds; Kneeland asked how we will notify residents; Franey said it will go out in the next bill; usually do a news-breach of some sort; will put out information for low-income discounts.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

### **3. Fleet Program Auction Proceeds Supplemental Appropriation**

Franey said this is a standard supplemental; put the proceeds back into the fleet program; will purchase future equipment with the funds; Kneeland asked if this was typical; Franey said it is in terms of the numbers; for police, there were multiple cruisers that were sold.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

### **4. Insurance Claims Proceeds Supplemental**

Franey said this is the same deal; has to do with insurance claims; when it is has been paid, we want to get it back into the expense line; Kneeland asked if we got anything back on the traffic boxes that were destroyed; Ewald said we are negotiating the final lines currently; is around \$149k now; should see that soon.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

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Service Supporting Documents

**ADJOURNMENT 8:00 p.m.**

**Kayla Holbrook, Reporting**