

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 25, 1999

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Service Committee

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman

Debra A. Payne

L. Nicholas Hogan

Robert W. Kelley, ex officio

Additional Attendees:

President of Council Bob Kelley;
City Engineer Karl Wetherholt;
Director of Public Service Terry Jordan;
Director of Parks and Recreation Raleigh Mitchell;
Clerk of Council Peg Cunningham;
W & S Billing Supervisor Marti Armstrong;
Visitors and News Media.

PENDING LEGISLATION

Members Absent: Rebecca W. Stinchcomb and Debra A. Payne

Members Present: L. Nicholas Hogan

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TO AMEND CHAPTER 928, SEWER DISTRICTS GENERALLY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA, TO CREATE SECTION 928.04, JOHNSTOWN ROAD HAMMONS SEWER DISTRICT.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammons were present for progress report on getting sewer to their property on Johnstown Road. They will have to pay system capacity charges as well as inspection charges. Inspection estimated at \$80; system capacity estimated at \$1,225. Engineer Wetherholt explained that the exact costs will not be determined until after the construction job has been completed. Explained that they would have to go out for bids on it, then award the contract; right of way would have to be obtained. Hogan pointed out that Hammons would have to pay at their own expense to bring the sewer line in from the City's line at the road. Felt construction could not be done until January at the very earliest, and possibly not that soon.

Hammons felt their neighbors should be checked by the health department the same as their system had been. Director Jordan and Hogan explained that we have no control over the county health department; said they had gone out, but had not found anyone at home; indicated that we have been looking at our own health department.

Conclusion: We will have passed the sewer district after the next Council meeting. The Hammons will be billed for their costs. No money is required prior to that time.

Recommended for Adoption to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

" " " " " **Supplemental**

Wetherholt advised there will need to be a supplemental appropriation for \$3,800 in order to purchase the easements for this sewer. It is felt the other two property owners will be contacted regarding their interest within the next two-week period.

Recommend for Introduction

ISSUES

Understanding of Agreement - Big Walnut Bike Path

Gregory and Aimee Gayer, 199 Walnut Street, were present to discuss the planned bike path from the stub of Walnut Street; pointed out to committee that Walnut Street at this point is a not only a stub street, but has three driveways; have two shall children of their own, and are having problems with people; said people literally riding through their

yards; parking so as to block driveways and parking on their property; bought the property for its privacy, and like to keep it that way. Gayers said they were promised a split rail fence; said there are sections; thought it would be parallel; felt the fence would be all the way if they wanted; and questioned the width, which allows driving in. Director Mitchell said if the fence were to be parallel it would not restrict the traffic.; said what the City wants to do is to funnel people down. James-Arnold, who came into the committee meeting for this discussion, felt it one thing to be user friendly, but must also be neighborhood friendly; noted that Armor Hill is fenced. Mitchell responded that we have an easement, which the width of the street. Gayers questioned the fence being back so far. Mitchell responded that they have to be able to get a truck back there for maintenance. Committee felt it is important to delineate a path for the consideration of the property owners.

Mitchell asked the Gayers to try without a full fence for a while. Committee there could be no parking signs put up, which, if necessary, could be covered, if permit obtained from the police department for special residence events. Kelley said there are laws on the books against blocking a driveway. Said signs are not necessary for the police department to ticket anyone obstructing a private driveway.

Gayers said they had requested pine trees for screening. Mitchell responded that they said they would do that; would be done before soccer season--by at least March or April, or possibly earlier than that.

Gayers agreed to give this issue some more time. Had just wanted Council to know their concerns. Will be reevaluated in the spring of year 2000.

Tree Pruning Issue - Rathburn Woods

E-mail had been received from Stan Wolfersberger regarding pruning of trees in Rathburn Woods. Kelley reported talking to the gentleman who wrote the letter, to had apologized for the tone of the E-mail; felt there was also a matter of notification. Jordan said there were notification flyers put on doors of all residents. Committee was satisfied that there is a notification policy in place.

Hogan asked about the tree work by AEP on the west side of Gahanna. Jordan responded that it will start this week. Regarding the downed tree across power lines, Jordan has contacted a foreman in charge of this.

Big Walnut Overruns

Wetherholt said the necessary funding will be \$57,150.

Recommend for Introduction

One Tractor Retrofit for Winter

Jordan explained he wanted to use funds which had been appropriated for a pickup truck.

Recommend for Approval

Thoroughfare Plan

Wetherholt advised this plan will be updated in Year 2000; said the triangle study will be complete, and it would be a good time to go directly from that study to the overall thoroughfare plan; said he has an RFP due around Christmas, is recommending moving on this the first of the year; funding of \$30,000 should be worked into the 2000

Appropriations.

Utility Resolution requested by Columbia Gas and the Mayor

It was reported that this acquisition would not take place. It is felt a resolution is not necessary.

Trash

Jordan reported the bids are out on trash pickup. Has been divided as two different contracts this year.

62 Gateway Wall.

On questioning by committee, Wetherholt said this will be of stone.

Jordan - Columbus Alert.

Jordan advised that our Chief of Police was contacted by Director of Safety Rice of Columbus regarding the pending sheriff sale of the Zukowski property in Gahanna; felt the man was potentially dangerous. Jordan distributed picture ID which had been made available to all City employees. Jordan did know whether or not the residence had been sold; said the gentleman did have a "hate crime" type sign in his yard.