

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 27, 1998

7:20 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Service Committee

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman

Thomas R. Kneeland

Sherie James-Arnold

Karen J. Angelou, ex officio

Additional Attendees:

City Engineer Karl Wetherholt
Director of Public Service Terry Jordan
Director of Network Operations Ernest Choung
Chief of Police Dennis Murphy
Water Resources Engineer George Jackson
Peg Cunningham, Clerk of Council
Asst. Engineer Tom Komlanc

PENDING LEGISLATION

Members Present: Sherie James-Arnold, Thomas R. Kneeland and Rebecca W. Stinchcomb

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TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH WESTERMAN COMPANIES

Referred to Regular Agenda (Duplicate)

Jordan advised they took this out for bids; had done an analysis regarding this type of system; said it is a beneficial use; it is an early warning system; breaks will be detected early; would allow us to be pro active rather than reactive; is state of the art.

Jordan and Jackson advised it is a hardware and software package. Advised there is a computer at the Service Center, and you can make changes at the computer; you can see detection signs of low pressure or lower reserves in the tower.

Jackson continued that we have a system that uses technicians; they can go out and check run time on each pump; and turn the pump on or off as needed. Said we want to install this system to the sanitary lift stations and pressure reducing valves; is an early warning system--we would know immediately; said on sanitary lift stations the system would give warnings if not functioning; said one lift station is a particularly problematic and is in a rather expensive neighborhood. Said we would be upgrading on the system we have in the water foreman's shop. Jackson said, in addition, he would have one in his office that would involve all these things. Jackson reminded this program was started in phases; has been in for three years. Said this bid includes everything they need.

On questioning, Jackson said the project was advertised for bids. Committee noted that this was not in the budget; also that committee was to get written reports back from Isler regarding sewer accounts. Committee felt we are looking at major utility increases for the taxpayers. Members, however, felt Council is convinced this is a system we need and can use, noting it was planned 3 years ago--just need to know we can afford to do this; have spent over two million dollars out of the General Fund this year.

Jordan advised he has done study with the Sewer Fund and had discovered from preliminary investigation that our use fees have not increased in Gahanna, but have increased to us from Columbus; we have not kept up. Said he would be making a recommendation bringing these fees back in line. Reference was made to the Burgess

and Niple Report update, which is due in September. Jordan reminded that one of their initial recommendations was to keep pace with Columbus; told committee you have to look at it annually; they're (Columbus) jumping, we're not. It was noted that the Royal Manor project was not planned and one-half million came out of that fund. Jordan repeated he will be making rate recommendations.

Jackson said the sewer is the major concern. Funding is there for water.

On questioning as to how to pay for that lift station, Wetherholt said we collect a few fees from the triangle. Committee questioned a complete review; Jordan agreed. Question brought up that we have increased front footage fees. Jackson said we had increased system capacity charges. Wetherholt noted spending \$400,000 on the triangle sewers, noting, however, all the annexations in the triangle.

Isler then entered the committee meeting and assured this funding is out of the Sewer Capital Fund; will be transferred to make payments by the end of the year; felt it should still be healthy; will get by--depends on capacity.

RECOMMENDATION: Increase for front footage fees right now. Jordan will submit information to Cunningham.

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TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE REAL ESTATE OWNED BY RONALD D. AND VIRGINIA S. BRUBAKER IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TAYLOR ROAD, IMPROVEMENT NO. 645, AS DESCRIBED IN PLANS ON FILE IN THE CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A, HERETO; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

NEW MATTERS:

Morrison/Waterbury

Bid opening July 24. Will take additional funding of approximately \$150,000, plus the inspection costs of \$16,900, which will also have to be appropriated.

Refer to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

Big Walnut Pedestrian Access

Bid opening was July 22; low bidder was Cody Zeigler, Inc.

Steve Carter of TriCar advised the following regarding the possible items to be deleted from this project to conserve money:

Waterfall - They had specified 500 tons of the special large stone; is \$300 per ton, Type A. Might be able to get by with 200 tons. That would take \$90,000 out of the project.

Geo Web - This material is being used for erosion; had estimated at \$70,000; could possibly cut by at one-third. That would cut \$25,000 from the project. Said they are looking at sod on each side of the walkway; looking at possibility of leaving this off; is a good solid erosion device.

Noted both of these items total \$100,000 off the project cost. Said if we reduce they can lower the price. On items in the bid, we will just "not perform" it.

Urban Spaces - Carter emphasized the lighting is a significant part of the project. Mayor advised talking to Ohio EPA; said the channelization of the project must stay in the newspaper for 30 days; then EPA approval and on to Corps of Engineers to issue permit. Hold legislation until Wetherholt gets further pricing information from Urban Spaces.

Beecher Road - Signal at Hamilton Road

Wetherholt noted the Clyde E. Williams proposal. Said this has a 1999 construction date--as a county approved project; said the road is actually in the county; said if we can get it annexed, we can control and the consulting fee will go down; any long-term financial effects in taking over intensify; said county has not selected a consultant; Canini owns it to the center line of the road; said the county will move forward with whatever it takes to get it annexed; could do design at same time; part is in Mifflin Township and part is in Jefferson Township.

Committee asked Wetherholt to advise Clyde E. Williams that we are going to proceed toward annexation.

Beecher Road - Acceptance

Wetherholt will proceed with a right of way deed from Canini for his portion of the intersection.

Refer to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

Appurtenances - Harrison Pond, Sec. 6,, Phase 2

Check on completion of Landscape commitments prior to second reading.

Refer to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

Big Walnut Property Acquisition

This is a property where the owner died many years ago; site is behind Summerfields; is needed for the pedestrian access. Legal counsel will tell us the notification procedures

Refer to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

Right of Way for 62 Intersections

Refer to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

MONITOR

Imperial Rise Street Lights

Still under review.

Hunters Ridge Pool

Trivisanno report received and distributed.

PEG CUNNINGHAM, reporting