



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### Public Service & Safety

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

*Karen J. Angelou, Chair, Thomas R. Kneeland, Jamie Leeseberg*

*Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Clerk of Council*

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Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Council Committee Rooms

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#### Immediately Following Finance

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 2 - Karen J. Angelou, and Thomas R. Kneeland

**Absent** 1 - Jamie Leeseberg

#### ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Dottie Franey, Matt Holdren, Karl Wetherholt, Niel Jurist, Mayor Stinchcomb, Jean Hoffman, Press

**2014-0053**

Service and Engineering Supporting Docs

**Attachments:** [Service Report 05-27-14](#)  
[permissiveTax\\_application\\_HavensCorners\(1of2\)](#)  
[permissiveTax\\_application\\_HavensCorners\(2of2\)](#)  
[Cell Phones - WSCA Master Service Agreement](#)  
[Cell Phones - Participating Addendum \(WSCA 3\)](#)  
[SaaS Sensus Agreement](#)  
[Sycamore Run Construction Letter](#)  
[WOW Rate Changes](#)  
[TimeWarnerLtr](#)  
[Service RCAs-1](#)

#### ITEMS - From the City Engineer

##### 1. Larry Lane Sanitary Sewer Extension (SA 1013) - Assessment

Wetherholt said this is for the Larry Lane Sanitary Sewer Extension; one of the residents on that sewer requested to have the fees assessed; we have done that on the West Gahanna sewer; started first process with Statuory Resolution 0002-2014; second step is for Council to pass an ordinance to proceed with assessment.

**RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, no need to come back; 2nd reading, consent agenda.**

## **2. Regional Resurfacing Program - Permissive Tax Supplemental**

Holdren said we recently obtained grant funding to do some resurfacing along Havens Corners Road; obtained through Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) with cooperative effort between Franklin County and City of Gahanna; is for 80% funding with a 20% local match; the section of US 62 would be funded from local funds and Havens Corners is eligible for permissive tax; asking for supplemental to transfer from permissive tax revenue to expense; along with that, we need to complete some sidewalk upgrades; these are eligible for permissive tax money as well; locations are Southwind/Havens Corners and Oak Creek Place/Havens Corners intersections; both eligible for permissive tax funds; asking for \$96,000 received from County be transferred from revenue to expense. Angelou said the total grant was for \$84,000. Holdren said County recommended the request be for \$96,000 in case of overages.

**RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, no need to come back; 2nd reading, consent agenda.**

### **ITEMS - From the Director of Public Service**

#### **1. Cell Phone Service Contract**

Franey said the Service Department has their cell phone service through AT&T; got those through the Western States National Alliance and have been receiving 30% discount off the standard agreement; in order to stay a part of that agreement, we need to sign another addendum and have that passed as emergency.

**RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, no need to come back; 2nd reading, consent agenda.**

#### **2. Electric Generation Contract**

Franey said earlier this year, we brought legislation forward getting permission for Mayor to negotiate with AEP Energy to do a blend and extend; current contract does not end until end of year; the thinking was that rates would go up after it expired; might be able to do some improvement; since we have gotten that legislation, it has been determined that this is not the right time to do that; we're asking to repeal ORD-0057-2014 and replace it with an ordinance that will let the Mayor negotiate with any electric generation vendor; will get a request for proposals for what we can lock our power into after this expires; could open it up to anyone; can just price it for other

companies. Kneeland said the ordinance being repealed needs to happen right away. Franey said yes. Angelou asked for a waiver on both repeal and new ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, waiver of 2nd reading, consent agenda.**

### **3. Sensus Logic - Software as a Service (SaaS) Agreement**

Franey said the last item is a software as a service agreement; we have Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) infrastructure out there; sends readings into billing department; we are upgrading that software to something called Logic; we are interested in having that data hosted by Sensus, as opposed to hosting it here; this agreement allows that hosting through Sensus; asking for emergency as we are trying to take care of that upgrade as soon as possible.

Kneeland asked about monthly billing. Franey said we have a lot of projects in utility billing; want online bill pay; also want a customer interface; after that, we would consider monthly billing; it is an additional cost to do monthly billing; can require more staff; love to come up with some sort of solution that is technology based instead of monthly billing where people can get set up to easily make monthly payments; make it very streamlined for them; is possible now; hope to get it a lot more streamlined; something they can actually see online. Angelou asked about online billing. Franey said moving forward that is absolutely a possibility. Angelou asked for cost on hosting. Franey said \$10,000/year; the data is causing a problem here at City Hall. Kneeland asked if these folks offer billing. Franey said we outsource all of that; it is more customer service that our people are handling. Angelou said that is really exciting. Franey said in 2014 our goal is to move right into online bill pay to be completed in 2014; in a perfect world we would get through the customer interface in 2014 as well.

**RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, no need to come back; 2nd reading, consent agenda.**

**Jayne Maxwell, CMC, Reporting**