

UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

OF JANUARY 14, 2019

Municipal Council of the City of Vermilion
Municipal Complex, 685 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089

In Attendance: **Vermilion City Council:**
Steve Herron, President of Council; Monica Stark, Council at Large; John Gabriel, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holoavacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five.

Administration:
Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; C. Hartung, Police Chief

Call to Order: Steve Holoavacs, Chairman, RESOLVED THAT this Utilities Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

TOPIC ONE: **Harcourt Sanitary Sewer Laterals**

C. Howard said the city received pricing from three contractors, but he has questions on one of the prices and is waiting to discuss this with the contractor, so he has clarification on his proposal. Therefore, he will bring the information to the council meeting on January 28.

TOPIC TWO: **Adams Street Waterline**

C. Howard said the Adams Street Waterline is another OPWC project to replace the 4" and 8" existing waterline on Adams Street from the southern railroad tracks to the northern railroad tracks, so about 2,500'. The location of the new waterline because both waterlines must remain in service before putting the new waterline in, are pretty much along the existing edge of the road. This is pushing the new waterline on the east side of the road and it will be in front yards within the right of way, which the city owns. He would like to go out to bid for the project and the construction cost estimate is \$520,000. The original OPWC application did not include a construction contingency, so he recommends that council consider at least having a contingency. The city received \$175,000 in grant money for the project. The original application for the construction cost estimate was \$530,000, so they're a little less than the actual construction cost estimate. Once they get a bid, they will have better numbers. He strongly recommends the city has a 10% contingency set aside, which will be \$52,000. They will be staking the right of way proposed locations.

M. Stark asked which fund will pay for this project and A. Hendricks said it should be able to come from the water fund and with the rate increase the funding will be there. S. Holoavacs asked how much the city would generate with the \$1.00 increase; is it \$300,000 a year? A. Hendricks said it's about \$450,000. S. Holoavacs said this is the first step of waterline repairs and with the contingency the project should be around \$572,000.

F. Loucka said when some cities install new waterlines they run an aboveground temporary line, but he is assuming that because there are two waterlines on that street, it would be cost prohibitive. C. Howard said this is correct and it's why they are staying away from the

existing. In talking with the distribution crew, the lines are in such bad condition and they break a lot and the concern is that if they get anywhere near with equipment they could be repairing the existing waterline when they are trying to build a brand new one. C. Howard said distribution cut out a section of the 4" pipe and it's about 2" because of the calcification. S. Holovacs said there is a piece of pipe in the service director's office to give everybody an idea of how bad these waterlines are and how they are corroded. M. Stark asked if the area will be returned to as is once the project is complete. C. Howard said this is correct, but there will be some trees that need to be removed on the east side. B. Holmes said it's the contractor's responsibility to put the area back as is.

S. Holovacs adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk