

UTILITY COMMITTEE
June 4, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Turchi, Members Kohler, Hegy and Carroll

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Volkert, Utility Director Rhodes, City Planner Justin Drew, Plant and Collections Systems Director Piquett

Call to Order – Chairperson Turchi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Public Comment Period –A gentleman has been in the process of annexing his house to the City since May 2017. Contractors will not finish the job until there is approval from the City, due to the location of the utility in front of the house. He is requesting for approval to finish the annexation.

Electric Service Interruptions and Water Main Breaks – Utility Director Rhodes mentioned the electric service interruptions and water main break that occurred during the past month. Alderperson Hegy asked for clarification on the situation where a homeowner dug into underground utility. He wanted to know who would be liable for charges since the homeowner did call Diggers Hotline and it was marked wrong. Utility Director Rhodes stated that USCI will be charged.

Customer-side Lead Water Service Laterals – City Administrator Volkert provided an update on the customer-side lead water service laterals program. He reviewed what was discussed at the last meeting about the City looking at the option of putting together a program that would assist residents that have lead laterals to identify them and afford the replacement of the laterals. After looking into one of the proposals from the last meeting, City Administrator Volkert found that PSC only allows utility funding if it is a mandatory situation. It would take time to get the ordinance change and approval from the PSC. Utility Director Rhodes proposed the following options, Option A: State law having an ordinance that would make the program mandatory. Option B: Same as option A, but oversight would be by the City of Hartford rather than the PSC. A loan would be provided through the City. Option C: Same as option B, but allows the City to offer a grant. It was proposed that funding could be through the antenna rental revenue. Staff responded to questions relating to this item.

MOTION by Alderperson Kohler, and seconded by Alderperson Carroll recommending to the Common Council to adopt Option B. MOTION CARRIED.

Jetter Truck Purchase – Utility Director Rhodes stated that there will be a funds transfer from Waste Water Department to the Utility Department for the purchase of the Jetter Truck within the next few weeks.

150,000 gallon reservoir inspection at Well #10 – An inspection was completed by Dixon Engineering and a complete drain of the tower is scheduled to take place in 2023. The reservoir is in overall good condition. Two long-term recommendations were given; paint interior piping

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(\$10,000) and painting the metal roof hatch and piping (\$2,000). The metal roof hatch and piping will be completed within the next year or two.

2017 Public Service Commission Annual Report – Utility Director Rhodes explained the highlights of the annual report.

Extending sanitary sewer service along CTH K to two properties – City Planner Justin Drew explained that though this is a small sanitary extension, it will cost about \$56,000 due to the location of the utilities on the properties. The department is proposing that the Sewer Utility cover \$32,000; property owners would pay the remainder of the cost. Staff responded to questions relating to this item.

MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, and seconded by Alderperson Carroll recommending to the Common Council to pay \$32,000 for the sanitary extension. Alderperson Kohler opposed the recommendation. 3 to 1, the recommendation will go forward to the Council at their next meeting.

Sewer Later Replacement Reimbursement 604 E. Loose St. – Plant and Collections Systems Director Piquett and staff believe that Michelle Fahl at 604 E. Loos St. meet the requirements for reimbursement not to exceed 30% of the \$81,000 quote (\$2,430). Staff responded to questions related to this item.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy. MOTION CARRIED.

2017 Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Maintenance Annual Report – Plant and Collections Systems Director Piquett gave highlights regarding the annual report. Alderperson Hegy commented on this item.

MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, and seconded by Alderperson Carroll to approve the 2017 Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Chairperson Turchi for adjournment. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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