

**REGULAR UTILITY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 28, 2022, 4:00 PM
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
201 WEST WATER STREET, PIQUA, OHIO 45356**

City of Piqua Utility Board met at 4:00 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Administrative Conference Room located at 201 W. Water Street.

Roll Call as follows: Board Members Present: Josephine Davidson and Greg Monte. City Commission Representative Present: Chris Grissom. Staff Present: Amy Welker, Kevin Krejny, and Maria Weaver.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of June 01, 2022 minutes deferred due to lack of board members present.

Paul Oberdorfer, City Manager thanked the board for their commitment and the voice that will communicate citizen concerns. Paul explained to the board, that he is committed to improving the speed of business and continually providing the best services to our citizens. . Paul informed the board that the Leadership Team is continuing to work on providing consistency, transparency, and efficiency in our operations. All preparing the City to move forward with growth and positivity.

NEW BUSINESS

Amy Welker discussed:

1. Sanitation Commercial Rates- no major changes in policy or structure, just an addition of a Special Pick-up option and a change in Penalty Fee amount.
2. Sanitation Residential Rates- no major changes in policy or structure. Additions of a small and large quantity generator fee.
3. Ch. 50 proposed update and summary- Amy discussed all proposed changes, additions, and deletions to the code.
4. 2023 Capital Improvements Project Summary- Amy informed that the Sanitation Department included software and technology purchases that would work with our current GIS system, optimize routes and increase customer service. There is a sanitation truck replacement slated for 2025.

In response to Greg Monte's question of where are can stored once picked up by the city, Amy stated that there is no "designated" location. The City can offer guidance with suggestions for the citizens.

Amy also presented the Commercial and Residential Sanitation Rates for approval. Greg Monte moved for approval of the Commercial and Commissioner Chris Grissom seconded motions. Motion approved on July 28th, 2022.

Kevin Krejny discussed:

1. Budget updates for Water, Wastewater, and Storm Departments- budgets have held steady. Wastewater has decrease labor costs with the retirement of two staff. Wastewater is in the process of hiring one operator. The cost of chemicals used by the Water Department have held steady which has helped the budget numbers.
2. Kevin has been working on completing the Ch. 51 Wastewater ordinance. We move on to Water and Sewer ordinances next.
3. 2023 Capital Improvements- Kevin discussed the upcoming projects: Catch Basin Replacement Program, Maintenance Barn at Water Plant, 2 Water Booster Stations, Manhole Replacement Program and a Underground Utilities Truck that is slated to be purchased in 2025.
4. The Maintenance Barn at Water Plant was awarded to a vendor that is part of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. Greg Monte asked if the contractor would seek local vendors for some of the sub-contracting that will be needed in the project. As he stated, he believes that as much money should be kept in Piqua and providing local vendors with the opportunities to work on our projects. Kevin stated that the contractor has been giving a listing of local contractors that have worked with/for the City.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Utility Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Utility Board Meeting was adjourned.