

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2020**

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on March 3, 2020 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Michael Wos, Vice Chair Jeremy Dietrich, Vince Weimer; **Council:** Paul Marnecheck, Dan Langshaw, Jessica Fenos, Linda Barath; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Wastewater Supt. Mark Smith, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi. **Other:** Gloria Kacik, Scott Kriska

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of February 4, 2020 Committee minutes. Moved by Councilman Weimer, seconded by Councilman Dietrich. Vote: Yeas: 3; Nays:0 **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Inflow/Infiltration of Storm Water

Superintendent Mark Smith states right now we will be starting back up in April with the I & I program, we have not had any new repairs since the last meeting we discussed. We will be sending out 120-day letters, will go out for those that haven't made any repairs as of to date. But we should be starting weather permitting the first of April.

Councilman Wos states with regard to storm water with all the rain and snow melt, how are things going in the City with that in general?

Superintendent Mark Smith states we haven't had any major calls right now. We have some things – new procedures beginning here shortly and will be addressing a lot of those issues.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Brown and Caldwell Change Order

Superintendent Mark Smith states yes Mr. Chairman due to the consolidation of the Storm Water Department and Waste Water Department we had to make some additional upgrades to the buildings to accommodate the new personnel and that is the reason for the change order. We had to add lockers in the locker room and expand the restroom and make some additions for the new personnel.

Councilman Langshaw states if I understand this right this includes the design fee and also the additional cost for the extra spaces, is that correct? I would just like to come see what is going on over there, I know that there has been a lot of work.

Superintendent Mark Smith states right now we are in the design phase of it Councilman, but we have a lot going on down there.

Councilman Langshaw states if it is possible, I don't know what your timeline is, if it is okay or if it is up to Council, but if it went to second reading would it hurt your timeline or are you still okay? It is a considerable amount of money.

Superintendent Mark Smith states yes, it is.

Councilman Marnecheck states which fund is it coming out of?

Superintendent Mark Smith states it is coming out of the Capital Fund. We have the money there rather than having to go through a second reading because we are already probably a month or two behind schedule.

Councilman Langshaw states do you anticipate any other changes because this is a significant amount of money or does this capture over everything we need to do.

Superintendent Mark Smith states this is a change order because we are consolidating departments now and by doing that, we are going to be more efficient, and more proactive with that department.

Mayor states this would not have even come if it wasn't for the switch for the storm water crew under wastewater there would not have been any change order, but once we did that then we realized that we are adding personnel and there was not enough room for all that personnel so we had to add space for lockers and the bathroom. And we had to do some upgrades. If I would not have switched the stormwater crew over there, then there would be no change order. This is all strictly based on adding personnel to that department and we need room for them to work.

Superintendent Mark Smith states we are already at 100% design when we made the change, then we had to go back.

Councilman Langshaw states that is my concern, I appreciate you explaining that, I feel a little more comfortable and maybe I will contact you and at least come out and get up to speed and the new members of Council, but it has been a while since I have been out there, but at least kind of see what is going on.

Superintendent Mark Smith states we got two major projects going on right now.

Councilman Langshaw states I just want to make sure there isn't any other big change order.

Superintendent Mark Smith states we are at 100% design and it is going to be more efficient to consolidate those two departments.

Councilman Langshaw states that makes sense. It makes sense what the Mayor is doing. The big thing is you said that you have the money and it is coming out of Future Capital and I don't see Eric worried, so that is a good sign.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Wos seconded by Mr. Weimer **to adjourn the March 3, 2020 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.