

THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, OHIO

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2020

This Service Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:42 p.m. by Julie Field, Chairman.

PRESENT: Jon Hannan, John Ruediger, Justin Ring, Mike Lampa, Chuck Kocisko, Jennifer Wagner, Julie Field

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Sarah Fagnilli, Assistant Law Director
Darin Powers, Police Chief
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
Joe Ciuni, City Engineer
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Dan D'Agostino, Residential Building Official
Todd Westover, GPD
Bill Schurman, Hammond Construction
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

Disposition of Minutes

None.

Old Business

T-6759 Go to Bid for Seasons Road Drainage Improvements

Mr. Ciuni said he had no further updates to report. He still needed to talk with the neighbors who were not due back from Florida until later this month. Mrs. Field had thought the administration was going to look at the property and make a decision to present to Council, even without the neighbors having returned to town, because there was substantial flooding in this area and it should not be put off. Mr. Ciuni said it would affect both neighbors (Yupas and Lequyeas) and he could only talk to one, so he hesitated to make a decision until he could talk with both of them in person because they both had issues and wanted to state their thoughts while being able to see the property and the proposals. He said they were never going to agree and a decision needed to be made, but he wanted them to be heard. A couple Council Members had visited the property too.

Mr. Lampa asked how often the Service Department had to pump/drain Seasons Road because of this issue. Mr. Miller said they had not needed to do it yet this year; although it had flooded the yard, it had not flooded the road yet. Mr. Lampa said this could not be put off forever; the neighbors needed to respond to the City's requests. Mrs. Field said when she visited the area there seemed to be a proposal that made sense for a drainage pipe and that should be communicated to the neighbors whether they were in town or not, and then the proposal could be brought to Council who would make a decision.

Mayor Broska commented that if the City decided on a plan and communicated that to the neighbors, the neighbors would get attorneys and the City would be involved in this for quite a long time. If the City could work with the neighbors in person and show them the need, it would go smoother. The neighbors who were out of town did not want this drainage pipe to cut through their land and they really preferred not to communicate via email. Mr. Lampa suggested a conference call which Mr. Ciuni said he would attempt, but these neighbors preferred to see the stakes in the ground rather than look at plans on paper to judge how they felt about the proposals, which was hard to do while they were in Florida so Mr. Ciuni had proposed a plan to Council that he thought was fair that put the drainage pipe easement right down the property line, but Mr. Yupa, the neighbor who was still in town, had objected to that plan while the neighbor in Florida had agreed to it. That plan was a little more expensive. Mr. Ciuni said he would probably defer to the Law Department because there was a taking of land involved to do this project. There were a lot of issues involved with any proposal that may be presented; it was complicated. Underground boring was a lot more costly than open cutting to install drainage pipe, but was an option if Council wanted to pursue it.

Paul Yupa, 8749 Seasons Road, said he had objected to going down the property line because the property line was 8 feet higher than the top of the drain, so it would require a lot of grading on his property to make it work. He said he would be willing to share the burden on the back of his property away from the infrastructure he has already built on his land, despite the fact that the City already had ordinances on the books in subdivisions (this is not in a subdivision but it's a general rule of the City) that the drainage ways shall not be put down the center of a property line. He felt that putting the drainage way down the property line to share the burden equally was an arbitrary decision in this case. He said he owned the drain on his property and if he wanted to relocate it down the property line behind his garage, he could as long as he didn't impact any other property. He said right now the neighbor's yard had the problem, a blockage that caused the flooding into the street, and maybe that neighbor should be tasked with clearing it up.

Mrs. Field asked Mr. Ciuni to reach out to the Lequyeas about this problem and hope it doesn't rain a lot this month.

MOTION: TO FORWARD THIS TO THE APRIL 13, 2020 SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Discuss Kimble Early Morning Collections

Mr. Ruediger said after the last meeting he had planned to have a phone meeting with a Kimble representative, but had not been able to do that yet.

MOTION: TO FORWARD THIS TO THE APRIL 13, 2020 SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Discuss Installing Flags on the Frost Road Bridge

Mr. Ring was still in contact with the local VFW and the American Legion, but did not have a visual representation of what the flags would look like. He expected it to have the American flag and the flags of the different branches of military service along the jump fence on each side of the bridge; no flag poles. There would be solar lights to illuminate the American flag at night purchased and maintained by the VFW and American Legion. If there was room they would have the national police and national fire flag on each side of the bridge as well.

Mr. Ring asked what ODOT needed to give permission do to this. ODOT would need a photo of the bridge with the intended flags photo-shopped onto it so they could see the plan. Mr. Ciuni said there was also a standard form to complete for the permit process. Then ODOT would respond with anything further they may want before issuing a permit. Mr. Ciuni and Mr. Ring would work on submitting the permit form.

MOTION: TO FORWARD THIS TO THE APRIL 13, 2020 SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Discuss the Natural Gas Aggregation Program

- Review the Electric Aggregation Program

Mr. Bellish was not able to attend tonight. Mr. Lampa said Mr. Bellish had emailed Mrs. Procop to say that we had hit our target price of \$2.78/mcf for natural gas. Mr. Lampa recommended that the City lock that price in because the gas price was going up for October 2021 when Streetsboro's contract would renew. Mr. Bellish had also reported that the City could get a fixed rate for electric for the City aggregate. Right now the City aggregate was 6% off the First Energy Price to Compare per month. If the City was to go with a fixed rate for electric with a grant it would be \$4.90/kwh which seemed a little higher than the 6% off the Price to Compare but it was a better price for the summer months of the year, and the City would get a grant of approximately \$19,000/per year over three years. Mr. Lampa recommended getting the grant.

Mr. Ring asked why the aggregate fixed price with no grant was lower (\$4.85/kwh) than the fixed price with the grant (\$4.90/kwh). Mr. Lampa said Mr. Bellish had explained that there was still money coming from the State of Ohio and the grant money would go into the General Fund 101-81-4169 Miscellaneous Receipts for the City to use. Mr. Ring wondered if the City selected the lower

fixed price at 5 cents lower would it save the residents more than \$19,000 a year. Mr. Lampa noted that there were only about 2,000 people on the electric aggregate, so maybe not. Mr. Ring said he'd like the grant money in the General Fund to benefit all the residents, but he was also concerned about the costs for the individual residents.

Mr. Lampa suggested accepting the target price for the natural gas before it expired and then move the electric aggregation discussion forward; the electric price was good through March 25, 2020. There was some discussion on whether Council needed to authorize the natural gas rate by motion or by ordinance, or if that was already done by motion at a previous meeting.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS ITEM TO THE MARCH 23, 2020 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR LEGISLATION TO LOCK IN THE NATURAL GAS RATE AT \$2.78/mcf IF NEEDED.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

It seemed Council needed more information about the electric aggregation prices and the grant option, so Mr. Lampa intended to ask Mr. Bellish to attend the next meeting to explain it.

MOTION: TO MOVE THE ELECTRIC GAS AGGREGATION TO THE MARCH 23, 2020 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

New Business

Presentation of Water Rate Study

Angie Marinuci, Project Manager from AECOM, and Justine Rhoads, Rate Study Project Engineer from AECOM, introduced themselves. Ms. Marinuci said they were presenting the Rate Study which was the final part of the overall water system study that AECOM did for Streetsboro along with the Asset Management Program and the Water Quality Study. AECOM had provided Council an electronic copy of the Rate Study Report but Council did not have a hardcopy with them tonight. Ms. Marinuci said they would go over the Rate Study Report tonight, take questions and comments from the City, and then finalize the draft report and submit a final report to the City.

Ms. Marinuci explained that as part of the Asset Management Program the City came up with short-term capital improvements with detailed expenditures projected over the next five years, and also developed long-term capital improvements with estimated costs of significant project anticipated over the next 10 to 20 years. The City also created a long-term funding strategy to fund assets nearing the end of their useful life. With all the projects identified the City needed the Rate Study to determine how to pay for these projects. The Rate Study looked at different scenarios and provide recommendations on ways to fund the projects. Ms. Marinuci reviewed the Background and Assumptions, Recent Trends, and Assumptions from pages 2, 3 and 4 of the Rate Study Report.

She reviewed the Rate Components and rate scenarios which were developed to show how the

capital improvements the City had determined were required could be funded. The specific capital improvements were in the Rate Study Report but in general they included a total water meter replacement, replacing all cast iron pipes, replacing all fiberglass reinforced pipes, replacing 1,100 feet of ductile iron pipe along Seasons Road, new waterline installations to provide City water to all residents, and replacing ductile iron pipe with estimated useful life remaining of 10 years or less. There were six scenarios presented with the first scenario as a baseline with no capital improvements and no additional rate increases (the standard County 1.75% and City 2% annual increases were included in all the scenarios) to show the funds that would be available to spend on capital improvements at the end of each year.

Scenario 2 was no additional rate increase and showed what the City could and could not accomplish without a rate increase. The capital improvement projects in Scenario 2 were replacement of all commercial water meters in 2020, replacement of all residential water meters in 2023, the priority #1 waterline replacement project in the Apache/Kickapoo neighborhood would be completed in 2020, and no further waterline replacement projects would be completed in 2021, 2022 or 2023 because the City would need to set aside the funds to do the residential water meter replacement in 2023. Then by 2024 with no additional rate increases the City should have enough money saved up to begin replacing the priority #2 cast iron pipes.

The rest of the scenarios were in the report. Mrs. Field noted that the City had begun this water study a while ago and this presentation was on different scenarios on how to pay for the various water projects that were determined to be needed. Mayor Broska confirmed there was grant money available for replacement waterlines, but grant money was competitive and not guaranteed and often required matching funds and an established plan was beneficial in that competitive process and this study was a component of that plan. The City needed to determine the projects it wanted to do, prioritize them, get cost estimates, and then submit applications for grants. These scenarios were to help the City do that and work out a multi-year timeline to try to find the grant funding the City needed.

Mrs. Field thanked the AECOM representatives for attending tonight, but didn't want to go over the specifics of all six scenarios tonight. Council could study the report outside the meeting. Mr. Ruediger also preferred to not go over the options tonight without a hardcopy version to reference. He suggested AECOM get together with the administration and work out a preferred plan from the 6 scenarios that could be recommended to Council. Mayor Broska accepted that suggested, but asked what limitations Council might have regarding increases in the water rates (Scenario 4 proposed a 12.75% increase per year from 2020-2025 along with a fixed fee implementation to get the most capital improvements done in the shortest time). He said if Council would indicate a rate increase level at which they were comfortable, the administration and AECOM could make a plan to pursue. Mr. Ring did not want to do a 12.75% rate increase over six year; he suggested the most minimum increase needed and work from there.

Ms. Esarey suggested referencing the chart on page 32 (Table 22) of the Water Rate Study which compared scenarios. Mr. Lampa asked if these proposed rate increase options considered the potential grants that may be awarded. Mr. Miller said No because the grants were not guaranteed, so

these proposals were without grants. If grants were awarded, that would be money saved so future increases could maybe be reduced sooner. The plan would have to be reassessed after a few years. Mrs. Field suggested the administration work with AECOM and then bring a suggestion to Council at next month's meeting. Mrs. Fagnilli suggested not moving this to a specific future meeting, but leave it open until the administration was ready to bring something back to Council for discussion. Council preferred to have a deadline to work toward and could move it again if the administration was not ready to discuss it next month. Ms. Esarey asked if there were any specific questions for the AECOM representatives tonight regarding assumptions or projects or estimates in the Rate Study Report since the AECOM representatives were not planning to come to a future Council meeting. Council did not have specific questions for them.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO THE APRIL 13, 2020 SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR A POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ADMINISTRATION.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6810 Authorize Construction Agreement for Meadow View Phase 13

Mr. Cieszkowski said the construction agreement for Meadow View Phase 13 was for 44 sublots in the southern half of the subdivision. It was an extension of Leslie Drive. Mr. Cieszkowski said he had worked with the Law Director to revise the construction agreement and they had assembled all the necessary exhibits and provided those to Council. This phase was very much in line with all the previous phases.

Mark Holz, the developer, said these homes would be the same size as those in Phase 11 on Jude Avenue. These were the Lifestyle product. These ranch homes would be about 1,800 to 2,400 sq. ft. He confirmed these homes would have Dominion Gas.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6815 Purchase a Truck for Parks and Recreation

Mr. Mytinger said the Parks and Recreation Department wanted to replace its main pickup truck with the liftgate on the back that was used for snowplowing and daily work. There had been a quote from Kepich Ford and the Department also got a recent quote for a similar truck from Lebanon, where the Service Department was purchasing its vehicles. The price quote from Lebanon (\$33,400) was less than Kepich (\$36,600) because Lebanon had State pricing (and Kepich did not) so Council could conduct first reading tonight and Mr. Mytinger would provide the new quote information to the Law Department to revise the ordinance for second reading in two weeks.

Mr. Miller said although Lebanon Ford was hours away they would deliver the truck to Streetsboro at no extra charge.

Mr. Mytinger said the Parks and Recreation Department did not have a vehicle rotation schedule; they just ran the truck as long as possible. Sal Ruffo and Tyler Baughman used this vehicle.

Mr. Lampa suggested all the City departments should purchase from the same dealer to get a better deal on the price. Chief Powers explained that there was only one dealership in the State that got the State bid for each type of vehicle and other dealers were unlikely to meet or beat that State bid price, so that's why Streetsboro ordered their police cars and these type trucks from a dealer so far away because Lebanon had the State bid price, which was a very good price.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READING.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6811 Purchase Hometown Hero Banner Brackets

Mr. Mytinger said this was to purchase brackets for the Hometown Hero Banner program. The total price was over the threshold for the Board of Control, so it was being presented to Council for authorization. Mr. Ciuni mentioned that GPD had structurally checked the poles where these brackets would be installed on Market Square and there was no problem. There was a minor concern with the aluminum poles, but not the steel ones, so he would work that out with Mr. Mytinger.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6812 Amend Residential+Commercial Building Department Fees

Dan D'Agostino, Streetsboro's Residential Building Official, had reviewed the City's Building Department fees when he started working for the City in June 2019 and felt they drastically needed updated. He compared the Streetsboro fees with neighboring communities and worked extensively with the Law Department to develop this updated proposal. He had extensive experience in the inspection business and recognized that the permit fees needed changed because Streetsboro had not had an increase in the fees since 2009 and was leaving a lot of money on the table while other communities were increasing their fees. He said if Council approved the updated fee proposal he was presenting, Streetsboro would be in line with the neighboring communities, except for Ravenna which had lower fees because they didn't have much of anything going. He said for the amount of permits and plans that the Building Department looked at, Streetsboro was busier than just about any other local community. He invited the Council Members to visit the Building Department or ride around with an inspector to see what all they do. He said it cost a lot to run the Building Department, but the Building Department could be a "cash cow" for the City to put money in the General Fund.

Mr. Lampa thanked Mr. D'Agostino for working on this; 10 years was a long time without an update. Mr. D'Agostino said this was only the first and most important part because it cost money to

offer services for the residents, contractors and developers and the City couldn't keep drawing from the General Fund to run the Department. He said he was working on four or five other projects for the Department and would bring those to Council soon.

Mr. Ruediger wondered what these proposed changes would bring in to the City. Mayor Broska said that was really dependent on how many inspections, plan reviews were done. With the current work going on at Meadow View and other projects it would have a substantial effect on the income for the Building Department. Streetsboro was not built out so this could be valuable for many years to come. Mayor Broska noted that the Department could probably use a couple more inspectors because the current staff was doing 10-12 inspections a day sometimes and there was a small backlog of review of residential building plans, so this new cash flow might allow the City to add personnel with no effect on the General Fund, which was ultimately the goal.

Mr. Ring questioned some of the changes that seemed quite large. Mr. D'Agostino explained that there were some developers that were new to town and found the Streetsboro fees to be low compared to everywhere else they worked. He mentioned that Ryan Homes, who was building in the Meadow View subdivision, knew these adjustments were coming. Right now Streetsboro's was second or third from the bottom compared to other towns and the builder have been getting break because Streetsboro had been grossly undercharging for a long time (no permit fee increase since 2009 and the costs had risen steadily). With this proposal the fees will be in line with the neighboring cities. He added that the Streetsboro Building Department was grossly understaffed too.

Mr. Kocisko was in favor of the proposed fee increases. He said he brought this up years ago, but Council did not support the increases at that time because increased fees to the builder would increase the ultimate cost of the home to the buyer.

MOTION: TO SEND THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6816 Annual Contract w/Signal Service

Mr. Miller said this was the annual contract with Signal Service who maintained all the traffic lights and crosswalk signals in town. It would be a per hour or per call charge.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READING.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6817 Purchase Cargo Van for Water Department

Mr. Miller said this was at State pricing for a cargo van to be used as the meter truck instead of the old Ford Ranger pickup the Water Department was currently using. This purchase had been budgeted for 2020.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READING.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6818 Purchase F-350 Pickup Truck for Water Department

Mr. Miller said this was also at State bid pricing. It had been budgeted for 2020. There would be a utility bed instead of a pickup bed so it could haul their tools. The vehicle this F-350 would replace already had over 160,000 miles.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READING.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6819 Accept Donation of Kennedy Fire Hydrant

Mr. Miller said the City had a few Kennedy hydrants throughout the water system, but most of the hydrants were from just two companies. A Kennedy Valve representative had ask the Water Department to test one of their newer hydrants and was offering to donate it. There was one in the water system that needed to be replaced so Mr. Miller asked Council to accept this donation so they could get it put in. The representative had said the new Kennedy hydrant was better, easier to work on, and the style looked more like the others in town so they wanted Streetsboro to do a test run and try it out. Mr. Miller said the Department was working on updating the Water Rules which would allow the City to use other hydrants if it wanted. All the hydrant companies' equipment was about the same price.

Mr. Ruediger suggested this be amended to emergency legislation instead of having a donation go through three readings. Mr. Miller said he was fine if it went three readings because it would not be installed until after the winter weather anyway.

MOTION: TO AMEND T-6819 TO BECOME EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

MOTION: TO FORWARD T-6819 TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS AMENDED TO EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6820 Purchase Annual Supply of Residential Water Meters

Mr. Miller said this was done annually to purchase what was needed to work on the water meters throughout the year. It was budgeted for 2020. He asked to amend this legislation to remove the reference to 5/8 inch nominal or residential meters so it could be for any size meter they may need.

MOTION: TO AMEND THE LEGISLATION TO REMOVE “RESIDENTIAL-TYPE (5/8” NOMINAL)” FROM SECTION 1 AND THE TITLE.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT’S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS AMENDED FOR FIRST READING.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6813 Authorize 2-year Renewal of Spectrum Broadband Internet

Chief Powers said Mrs. Procop, the Mayor’s Administrative Assistant, had been working on this with Spectrum to try to consolidate some of the City’s internet billing issues, but wasn’t able to be here tonight. Because the Fire Department changed internet/email and the City Hall moved, some of the bills had changed and the City was still not certain where everything would be in a couple of years, but these 2-year agreements were up for renewal. One was an ELAN for the Police Department and an ELAN for the Service Department. Since the Fire Department had changed recently they cancelled an ELAN that the Fire Department was paying for. Previously this bill on this part of the contract was costing the City \$1,050/month, with cancelling the Fire Department ELAN and with some of the new pricing for the Police and Service ELANs, it would cost a total of \$619/month for a 24 month contract. In two years when these agreements were completed, the City would redo the contracts to get higher/better bandwidth because the needs of all the different departments were growing. Right now the City was getting 100 megabyte up and 100 megabyte down, but would like 1 gigabyte up and 1 gigabyte down, but because the City had just signed a contract recently with Spectrum it would have to wait until the end of that contract in two years to make that adjustment.

MOTION: TO FORWARD THIS TO TONIGHT’S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Discuss Streetsboro Bicentennial

Mayor Broska introduced Mike Kuhstos. About a month ago the Mayor had proposed to Council that a committee be created to plan and execute a bicentennial celebration. Mrs. Kremer had researched some information about the history of Streetsboro and found that Titus Street’s land was surveyed in the summer of 1822 and the first settler in the township, Stephen Myers, Jr., erected a cabin and moved into it in early September 1822. Mayor Broska asked Council to authorize a temporary committee made up of about 7-9 people with Mr. Kuhstos as Chairman to plan a celebration with possibly a parade, picnics, fireworks, a community cookout, etc. He expected there would be quite a few people that would want to get involved in such a committee. He thought the City should allocate some funding in the 2021 budget for preparations for the 2022 celebrations after the committee had met and determined what their financial needs might be.

Mr. Lampa said he had talked with the Mayor about this committee and he and Josh Lampa would like to be on the committee; they had already looked up parade float designs. He agreed with the Mayor that 200 years was a big deal and worthy of a big celebration. Mr. Lampa suggested the City officials cook at a big picnic for the community.

Mr. Ruediger thought this was a great idea and recommended the committee have at least 9 people. He suggested budgeting a decent amount of money (maybe \$50,000) for this in 2021 and 2022. He asked if the bicentennial celebration might be combined with the Streetsboro Family Days summer festival or should it be a separate event. Other Council Members suggested it be a separate celebration.

Mayor Broska said the Law Director had confirmed legislation was not required to form this committee, so the Mayor proposed a committee of 9 people be created with Mr. Kuhstos as Chairman. Mike Lampa and Josh Lampa could be members of the committee along with people that really wanted to be a part of this to organize it, schedule their meetings, develop budgetary figures, and report to the City once a month. Mayor Broska clarified that this would be a volunteer committee and the committee members would not get a stipend like the Planning Commissioners. Any disbursement of funds would go through the usual governmental processes and they would not arbitrarily spend City money. Mrs. Kremer asked if this committee would be a public body spending public money and need to have public meetings with meeting minutes prepared. Mrs. Fagnilli said the committee would not be spending money; they would have to make recommendations to Council who would appropriate the money, which would most likely be next year. Mayor Broska expected the meetings could be open to the public to encourage the participation of many people in recognizing this significant event.

Mike Kuhstos, 758 Diane Drive, said the bicentennial was an exciting time. The centennial was celebrated Labor Day weekend 100 years ago in 1922, so the City would need to decide if it wanted to do the bicentennial celebration 100 years later on Labor Day again or select a separate date. He mentioned there was a time capsule buried in the Town Square in 1972, that had been located in the NW corner near the war memorial that could be opened during the bicentennial, and maybe bury a new time capsule with a plaque showing its location for future generations. He also said there was a panoramic photo of the 1922 celebration on the SW corner of the square and he hoped to maybe recreate such a photo even if it was done at the Singletary House or City Park instead of the Town Square. He said Portage County had a bicentennial celebration in 2008 and there were some ideas from that he wanted to explore.

Mayor Broska said he would create a press release requesting volunteers to serve on this committee and get things started. He expected there would be more than 9 people that would want to contribute to the celebrations, but felt the committee should be kept to about 9 decision makers to avoid chaos. The committee members could work on fundraising ideas too.

T-6814 Authorize 3-year Contract for Electric Power for Street Lighting

Mayor Broska said the price had gone down. First Energy was now Energy Harbor. The old rate for

the streetlights was \$3.669/kwh and it was going down to \$3.34/kwh, which would save the City \$6,675 over the term of the contract.

MOTION: TO SEND THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

Dr. Gail Pavliga, Atwater, Ohio, said she was the Republican nominee running for State Representative for Ohio House District 75. The Primary Election was to take place next week and a lot of the time most voters were ill-informed, but the city officials discussed the issues and were usually more informed voters. She said it was good for people to be able to put a face with a name, so she had been travelling to various communities for the last six months to meet people and introduce herself. She said she was a professional psychologist and a professor at Malone University, not a professional politician, but felt she needed to get involved and make a difference, especially for the addiction/substance abuse crisis, school funding issues and reforms for the health care system. She was a proponent of the Second Amendment and believed in peoples' right to keep, own, and bear arms. She wanted to be the voters' voice in Columbus. She thanked Council for all their work for the community.

Announcements

The Regular Council Meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

There being no further business to be addressed by this committee, and upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Ruediger, this meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Julie Field, Chairman

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