

THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, OHIO
SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2024

This Service Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. by Tony Lombardo, Chairman.

PRESENT: Justin Ring, Jon Hannan, Anthony Lombardo, Lisa McDaniel, Marianne Glenn, Jennifer Wagner, Steve Michniak

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Frank Beni, Law Director
Patricia Wain, Police Chief
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief
Matt Miller, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
Justin Czekaj, Municipal Engineer
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Matt Coffman, IT Network Administrator
Melissa Procop, Mayor's Executive Assistant
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

Disposition of Minutes

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

T-7531 Authorize Agreement for Electric Aggregation

Tom Bellish, Buckeye Energy Brokers, asked Council to approve an agreement with Dynegy Energy. He said for the past three years Streetsboro has had an electric program with Energy Harbor for 4.84 cents/kw hr. which would end in March. The UPCO required a 45-day lead time to get letters out to all the residents regarding a change and we were almost at that deadline. The renewal rate as of today was 6.1 cents/kw hr. and that was good for 14 months. He selected 14 months so the renewal would not be at Christmas time like it was this year, there would be a couple of extra months to look at the rates. Also, it would line up with the First Energy auction period as well so the City would know what the Ohio Edison rate might be and have a better advantage to

set a rate. Although he couldn't know what the rate would be, he estimated the rate to be just over 8 cents/kw hr. this summer and about 7.5 cents/kw hr. next winter based on other rates set throughout the state recently. So, the 6.1 cents/kw hr. compared favorably and the residents could save about \$200 during that time period.

Mr. Bellish added that Dynegy Energy and Energy Harbor were in talks regarding merging so even if Streetsboro stayed with Energy Harbor (offering 6.26 cents/kw hr.) the accounts would roll over to Dynegy Energy in May or June anyway, so this way Streetsboro would already be with Dynegy Energy and prevent confusion for residents later in the summer when the merger would happen.

Mr. Bellish confirmed for Mr. Ring that the rates were trending about 8 cents or 9 cents throughout Ohio, so 6.1 cents/kw hr. was a good rate. Mr. Ring said in the past Streetsboro had 36-month agreements, why 14 months this time? Mr. Bellish said the rates were expected to be about 5.9 cents/kw hr. next year so it would average at 6.0 cents/kw hr., but if a longer term was locked in now Streetsboro would be paying closer to 7 cents/kw hr. for the second year and he thought we could beat that at the next renewal period in 14 months.

Mr. Michniak asked for clarification of the statement on the electric bill that said "in order to beat the rate you have now, you have to get something better than 10.06 cents/kw hr." and the residents were already currently paying 4.84 cents/kw hr. Mr. Bellish explained that the 10.06 cents/kw hr. was the Ohio Edison "price to compare" if Streetsboro didn't have an aggregation program, which it does.

Mr. Bellish said he'd been watching the rates since November and although this was short notice to get the letter out to residents, it was the best price he had seen.

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

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

T-7527 Authorize Purchases thru Dell for Computers in 2024

Matt Coffman said these were replacement computers that were budgeted for in 2024. There were some issues at the end of the year and he was able to lock in Dell's end of the year pricing to get five laptops. Mr. Ring thought \$1,800 per laptop seemed expensive. Mr. Coffman explained that the computers would come with Microsoft Office software included, which was a few hundred dollars, and these laptops had the better I-7 processors.

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

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

T-7528 Resolution to Approve the First Amendment to the JEDD Contract

Mr. O'Malia explained that the addition of the new JEDD land would create 41 new manufacturing jobs with \$2.2 million in payroll, with an investment of around \$65 million for the first phase of their 3-phase project. The City would receive about 30% of it, Shalersville would get 60%, and

10% would go a maintenance fund to improvement infrastructure in and around the JEDD. It should be noted that Viega was not putting the entirety of the 80 acres within the JEDD, just the parcel Viega was starting with their manufacturing process. There will be additional expansions forthcoming. In response to this Viega was granted a 60% tax abatement for a 10-year term.

Mr. Ring clarified that nothing was changed in the JEDD agreement other than adding the new parcel to it. Mr. O'Malia commented that the original agreement with Shalersville was for 50 years with two 25-year automatic renewals (and 100 years was beyond Mr. O'Malia's lifespan), so it was pointed out that at some point when most of the park was filled up, in order for Streetsboro to remain compliant with the contract, if Shalersville had some economic development work to be done there, they could assign it to the Streetsboro Economic Development Director at that time; that was the only material change that Mr. O'Malia noted.

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

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

T-7529 Contract w/OHM for Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Inspection Services

Mr. Czekaj said this was to hire an outside consulting firm for inspections for EPA compliance on development projects, and the developer was billed for the work.

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

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

T-7530 Authorize Contract to Purchase Plow Truck Chassis

Bill Miller said this was for the annual truck replacement program. This was ODOT pricing. It was 8-10 months until delivery so he wanted to get the approval ASAP so he could order it right away. He would bring the request for approval of the upfitting package later; he was still getting the specs together. Truck #910 would be traded in and replaced with this new plow truck when it was delivered. Two trucks were ordered last year and were about half built, so when they were delivered in 4-5 months the Service Department would have a couple of spare trucks as backups. Bill Miller expected to replace two more trucks (#901 and #902) and then he could pause on buying plow trucks and purchase some smaller pieces of equipment with the annual budget allocation because all the plow trucks were now stored in the new barn and only used for plowing and they hoped to get about 20 years out of each one of them. The trade in price for Truck #910 would be calculated later when the new truck was ready to be delivered and legislation would be presented at that time.

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

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

Citizens' Comments

None.

Announcements

A Regular council Meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

There being no further business to be addressed by this committee, and upon motion by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Michniak, this meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Anthony Lombardo, Chairman