

UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2021

In Attendance:

Members: Councilman Ed Conley, Councilman Sean Wilson, Councilman Rob Rice

City Staff: John Doyle, Daniel Shelden, Jack Eldredge, Tracey York, Miriam Jones, Amber Box

Visitors: Darrell Maurina

1. **Call to Order and Citizen Comments** – Councilman Conley called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Councilman Wilson brought forth a citizen comment to the committee. Councilman Wilson was asked to speak on behalf of citizens in the Woodland Hills area about a couple of streets that are without lights and concerns with visibility when children are waiting at the bus stop. Mr. Doyle has presented a map to the committee showing the locations of the potential street lights and Councilman Wilson will share this map to the citizens as well.

Councilman Conley mentioned about the junction box near the entrance to Kum & Go and if it was possible to put any steel bollards around it to protect it. Mr. Shelden stated he will get some prices and bring back at the next meeting.

2. **Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2021** – Mr. Doyle presented the committee with minutes from the May 4th utility committee for approval. Councilman Rice made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Wilson seconded. All were in favor.

3. **American Rescue Plan Projects**

- Sewer
- Water
- Broadband

Mr. Doyle presented the committee with information on the American Recovery Plan Funding (ARP) for the City of Waynesville that states within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities. The first part of the money should arrive within 90 days and the second half in approximately 12 months. Cities will have until December 2024 to spend the money. Category "D" is probably of the greatest interest to local governments, which can be any sewer, water or broadband project and need not to be tied directly to COVID. Cities are being told they should immediately begin to develop plans as to how to use this money to best benefit their local community. Mr. Doyle will be building a team selected from different committee members and staff, to get together so we can move to the planning phase and be ahead of schedule.

Mr. Doyle also presented information showing a new program offering financial support for Missouri renters impacted by COVID-19 called Missouri SAFHR (State Assistance for Housing Relief) for Renters. This program is administered by the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC), funded by the federal government COVID stimulus package. This program provides rent and utility assistance for eligible Missouri residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. **Department Updates**

Electric Department – Mr. Shelden stated that his department had 5 power outages, 2 street lights, 3 trees, 2 miscellaneous, 2 new services, and 2 service upgrades for the month of May. Some major highlights were:

- Finished the reconductor of Valley Road
Pulled in the neutral
Converted everything over to the new neutral
Cut down the old neutral and topped all the old poles
- Along with the assistance from the street department, the department hauled off the old movie theatre chairs which were stored in a hangar at the airport
- Found a broken cross arm on a three phase line
Asked for the street department to help extend the road off of JC Ave
Got the road extended, got the trucks in there and replaced the arm live
- Able to replace one red flagged pole
It was in the back yard, so was unable to get the digger truck in there. Had to use the skid steer to set the pole
Were able to get the bucket trucks in there to do the transfers
- Cut and removed 4 big dead trees in the park. There are some more needed to cut and remove as well
- Cut the road Right a Way going into the RV Park because the low hanging limbs were hitting the RV's
- Went to St James and pulled in some underground wire for a feeder tie
- B & N has continued with the clearing of our Right A Ways. They are 2/3's done with what we had scheduled this year
- Our OCR's did not have any trips on them this past month. This is attributed to the aggressive Right A Way clearing we have been doing.

Water/Sewer Department – Mr. Eldredge stated that his department had 22 water work orders, replaced 2 meters, 3 new meters installed, repaired 2 yards, 3 service lines repaired, 3 sewer work orders and jetted 2 lines. Some major highlights were:

- Continued working with Benton & Associates working on I & I Study
- Smoke testing to begin around June 21 and continue through July 21 in various areas of the City
- Keeping up grass cutting
- Mr. Doyle stated that we were notified by the PC Sewer District about the flow meter not working. Discussions were held about the interim time of no readings or flow report, replacement or repair of meter and we gave a price of a different type of meter than what we have had. In the meantime, we have reached a fair agreement to move forward in the next few months.

5. Other Business – No other new business

Closed Session: Councilman Conley stated there was a need to go into closed session, in accordance with RSMo Sections 610.021 (1). A motion was made by Councilman Rice to go into closed session at 4:03 pm and a second by Councilman Wilson. Motion carried. At 4:56 pm the committee came out of closed session.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned by Chairman Conley at 4:56pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2021 at 3:30 pm