

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Work Session Meeting Tuesday February 28, 2017 at 5:30p.m.

A work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Tuesday February 28, 2017 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Room of Huron City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The following members of Council were present: Rick Schaffter, Phyllis Wassner, Brad Hartung, Sam Artino and Glen Ginesi. Trey Hardy joined the meeting in progress. Members absent: Sam Artino

City administration/staff present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, Fire Captain Doug Nash, City Engineer Doug Green and Management Services Coordinator ~ Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

New Business

Refuse Bid

The Mayor noted that he asked administration to remove the refuse bid award from the agenda in order to allow time for Council review and discussion of the bid.

Mr. White provided a recap of current service and customer base. Project was bid out with one (1) bid received from Republic Services. He explained that there is a time component as Republic will need time to order containers before the program begins. He reminded members the city is under an extension of the 2016 Republic contract through the first quarter of 2017. He explained specs were based on residential - 3,200 single family. 151 commercial accounts and 492 multi-family residential were not included, but have the choice to opt in if they choose to.

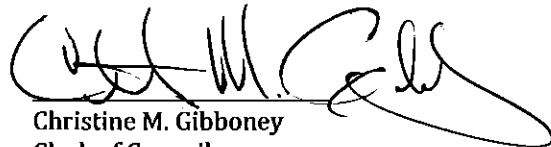
Items of note/discussion:

- Currently, the city has a total of 3,900 accounts (residential, multi-family residential, and commercial). Weekly pickup garbage, recycling, and yard waste. No containers for refuse are provided. Bulk item pick up at additional costs. Commercial and Multi-family charged the minimum regardless of utilization and in addition to any service for dumpsters that they have contracted with privately. Current cost to customer for service is \$50.00 per quarter. This cost includes additional charges for administration, processing, postage.
- New service level: Residential –single family and duplex/triplex. Weekly garbage, recycling, and yard waste. Monthly bulk item pickup. Toters provided by contractor, 96 gallon for Garbage and 64 gallon for recycling. Commercial and Multi-Family can use provider of their choice- no minimum charge from city. Multi-family can opt-in to a rate for dumpster pickup; Commercial can opt in and use toters. 2017 cost to the city per person, per quarter \$53.70. Contract term of 5 years with increases of 1.5% each year to the city. This is a 40% increase over the current cost to the city.
- Customers will have the choice to request a 64 gallon garbage container rather than the 96 gallon. City will need to notify customers of the choice; and customer will be required to notify the city if a change in size is desired. This needs to be done in advance of the commencement so containers can be ordered and ready to go.
- Current charge from Republic to City \$38pp/per quarter, City charges \$50pp/per quarter; difference is administrative, postage fees. Discussion on the need to again include a \$10-\$12 administrative/postage fee ensued.
- Explained that the adopted 2017 budget included: one quarter at the 2016 rate and a 10% increase over the 2016 rate for the remaining months.
- Lengthy discussion of administrative fees including processing/handling, postage, etc. ensued.
- Need for a Storm Water fee was discussed; Mayor referenced the current Storm Water Management expense that the city has each year and noted that new Phase II regulations are expected to commence. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding issues/items that fall under Storm Water Management: Street sweeper maintenance, catch basin clearing, repairs, replacements, drain lines,

retention ponds and the need to have storm water mapping. Leaf pick-up is another category that falls under Storm Water. In discussion regarding bringing back a leaf-pick up machine, Mr. White cautioned that this is not something that can be done in 2017 as planning, preparation of bid specs, staffing considerations would have to be done and in order to do so, Council would have to choose what other projects would be eliminated as there is just not enough staff, therefore he advised to possibly hold off on a fee increase specific to leaf pick up until the city is in a position to deliver the service. Discussion ensued on storm water fee and the need to have a plan for what revenue is needed. Options mentioned by Council for potential consideration relative to a storm water fee: a \$3 residential/\$4 Multi-Family/\$5 Commercial and later suggested a \$5 residential/\$7 multi-residential/ \$10 quarterly charge for storm water fee. Discussion on estimated costs associated with the purchase of a leaf pick-up machine ensued; the Mayor noted he believed the estimate would be \$120,000 to \$150,000 with a 10-year life span. He referenced the type of machine that Perkins Township has and how efficient it is with one operator.

- Noted that the anticipated fee to customer, even with the increase is substantially below the market rate for the services being received. (Bellevue- unlimited garbage, no yard waste, no recycling- \$92/Quarter. Perkins- garbage, limited recycling- \$69 -\$78/Quarter)
- Discussion on billing monthly ensued. Administration explained that this would be difficult due to staffing and noted that printing and postage would need to be considered too.
- Mr. White spoke of the need to finalize details as administration needs to get the information out to the public regarding container size as well as information to the multi-family and commercial businesses.
- Discussion on when to implement the new fee structure ensued with Council members suggesting keeping the same rate through the end of the year or implementing changes in the 2nd or 3rd quarter.
- In conclusion, Administration noted they would talk with Republic, review what was discussed tonight, and provide Council additional information.

The work session meeting of February 28, 2017 adjourned at 6:28p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney
Clerk of Council