



Safety & Service Committee
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 - 4:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Benjamin Lee called the Safety and Service Committee meeting for July 6, 2021 to order at 4:34 pm

2. Roll Call

Members Present - Ben Lee, Doug Lehner

Absent - Marvin Block (Not present at roll call, arrived at 5:10pm)

Staff present - Jim Lenner, Jack Liggett, Chief Haroon, Mayor Chip Dutcher, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - County Commissioner Tim Bubb, Kirk Mizerek, John Lentz
(Commissioners Association)

3. Energy Aggregation Presentation / Jim L.

Previously, Jim Lenner and Mayor Dutcher attended a meeting at the Commissioners office to listen to a presentation on energy aggregation, Mr. Lenner said he thought it was worthwhile to discuss further; he added that this was different from discussions a few years ago; that there is no company selling their energy aggregation, it is the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) who partners with Ohio Municipal League (OML). Although people would automatically be opted in, there is nothing that keeps them from dropping out and there are no opt out fees.

Licking County Commissioner and CCAO President Tim Bubb provided an introduction on Energy Aggregation, why they have started this conversation and why they have asked some of their municipal partners to think about it. Mr. Bubb said the program is not something that can be imposed, it is something they can give the voters an opportunity to take advantage of; the goal is to save money on energy whether it is electricity or natural gas. It is about buying power, by aggregating together you can get much better pricing for the residents. Mr. Bubb said this is a good year to put this on the ballot, Heath and Newark are also taking a serious look; added that Palmer Energy does not represent energy to sell

2021 Committee Goals

1. Update security in water plant, sewer plant and service departments - In progress
2. Investigate window security and replacement for admin and council chambers - Improvements made with the remodel; revisit window replacement in 2022
3. Install street lights where needed to improve visibility - Moved to Finance Committee
4. Conduct crime mapping - In progress/Police Chief
5. Sidewalk program
6. Create dangerous street tree removal policy - Moved to Tree Commission

it, they are a consultant and most of the counties in Ohio have worked with them. Added that the county has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars over the last decade aggregating electric and natural gas and would like to offer to their constituents. This would apply to residential and small commercial customers, it does not affect The Energy Cooperative, the rural coops buy energy in a different way but they are supportive and would join if a combined approach were taken and this were put on the ballot. John Lentz, Assistant Director of CCAO provided background on their program and said if Johnstown chose to do this, it would come in under the OML's program. The Revised Code Section 9.48 allows for joint purchasing, they follow the statutory process. Kirk Mizerek with Palmer Energy presented on the aggregation program, how it would work and addressed questions of the committee and staff. Discussion to continue in committee with information passed on to greater Council; if there is a decision to proceed with aggregation, Resolution language for the ballot will be provided.

4. Action on Minutes

a. June 1, 2021

ACTION:	Doug Lehner moved to Approve; Benjamin Lee seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 3 - 0

5. Energy Co-op Substation Upgrade - ROW proposal / Jack & Jim L

The Energy Cooperative has future substation expansion plans and has requested to purchase two acres of village owned property that abuts the current Mink Road substation, they would also like a one-hundred-foot easement across the property to connect Mink Road lines to the station. Jack Liggett said unless we are going to designate that whole area as a park, that is not a good easement because the village is looking at expansion of the sewer facility, we don't own any other ground; would think they should go further down Mink and come across the two acre lot they want to purchase, it may not be the easiest to build on but it is ground that we own.

Mr. Block said once they get an easement they would control the ground, they would clear-cut it and we would not be able to do anything on it; he added that he thinks they have plenty of room to expand and doesn't think they need our two acres but for future expansion and by then what would it be worth.

Ben Lee said he does not think in this situation, when we have several acres in that area full of trees that we have talked about making a park to be enjoyable for the public, that clear-cutting for a utility to take the path of least resistance is the right thing; said he agrees and is not in favor of the easement; added that the discussion on the two acres may be another conversation, but agrees that if we give it up then it is ours in name only

but cannot do anything with it.

Mr. Lehner said he does not want to see an easement through the property, if they come down Mink and up their driveway, let them know we would like for that to be underground; and aesthetically, if that were turned into a park, who wants to see major feeder lines right out in front.

ACTION:	Benjamin Lee moved to inform Energy Coop that we are not interested in their one-hundred-foot easement cutting across our property down by Raccoon Creek, or the two acres; Marvin Block seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 3 - 0

6. Construction Project Updates / Jack

1. Water tower base has started
2. Sewer line to Duncan Plains going in
3. Thursday Pre-con to start S. Oregon new water service and road repairs
4. Wednesday, two engineer interviews for water plant expansion project
5. Edwards Road; Prime Engineers are reviewing, preparing to send out bid
6. Walked through Westview project, minor items on punch list still to complete
7. Jersey Street relief sewer; phase one is the US 62 gravity sewer going on now then will move to Jersey Street (Mink)

Ben Lee asked about adding thermoplastic to define roadway versus business parking lot at US 62 and Ford Street. Jack Liggett said a survey is needed to know the road right-of-way; Committee direction to survey and define the whole corner. Discussion on legislation to designate no parking on Ford Street from end of curb to US 62.

Pulte discussion: Ben Lee asked if there were any kind of rough drawing for any intersection at US 62 and Bigelow; Jim Lenner said no. Discussion on streets, compaction and taking ownership.

7. Update on Main Street Trees / Marvin

Marvin Block said the arborist looked at the large oak at the future dog park and provided assessment, he would like to put wires in the tree to support branches, cost is about \$250 each and would need four to six; arborist would also do yearly inspections, he said tree has good root system and thought the tree was well worth saving. Also assessed the

street trees on Main Street, trees are well worth saving just need pruned, discussion on asking homeowners to pay for or for part of the work. Tree Commission has funds to pay for the work needed on the oak tree trimming, discussion on timeline for dog park/fencing and for the tree maintenance. Committee discussion on how the Main Street tree trimming would be paid for; Jim Lenner said tax revenue is sufficient to cover costs. Decision for the village to preserve the large trees on North and South Main Street and keep limbs from overhanging the roadway and to pay for the trimming, Bailey Klimchak to negotiate for better deal if all are done at once. Would need appropriation for \$5,000 - \$10,000; topic to Finance Committee in two weeks, default to General Fund.

ACTION: Marvin Block moved that the trees are trimmed according to Jim Lenner's recommendation and sent to Finance for details on the appropriation; Benjamin Lee seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

Discussion on change in ownership of the Shell station and the lot beside; Ben Lee spoke in defense of saving the prominent trees on the lot.

8. Rte 62 & Duncan Plains Water "Loop" Quotes / Jack

Jack Liggett said coming down US 62 we have a twelve-inch water main right at that intersection and if road upgrades are planned for Duncan Plains, it would make sense to get the connection to Enterprise Drive done maybe even before the road work takes place. If agree with that, and so we can have water feeding into the park a couple different directions, do we want that to be a sixteen-inch main or a twelve inch main; there is a sixteen heading both directions out of the park. A twelve-inch line from US 62 up to the commerce park entrance is \$243,000, a sixteen inch line is \$342,000; Jack said the difference between a twelve and sixteen inch line is a huge volume difference of water so decisions are needed on what directions to extend lines, the further out we go the bigger the line needs to be to push more volume. Jack said he just thought if we were going to widen the road, we should get the water line in, that section is not annexed and it doesn't mean anyone could hook on to it, but it would loop our fire protection into that commerce area, get that short section closed up and we can feed more water if we push one direction or the other. Discussion on line sizes, stub/"T" location, costs and the bond funds available.

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to go forward with this project using the bonded money we have for water projects; Doug Lehner seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

9. Signage on VC and Admin Doors

Signage requested to delineate Council Chambers entrance from admin offices.

10. Other Business

No further business

11. Adjourn

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to Approve; Doug Lehner seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm