

THE SEWER BOARD MEETING OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD IN ROOM 100 AT NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 AT 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Ed Wilkinson, member, Nathan Grimes, member and Mayor Gahan, president.

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Condon, Linda Moeller, Rob Sartell, Shane Gibson, Larry Summers, and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gahan called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Grimes moved to approve the September 8, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, **Mr. Wilkinson** second, all voted in favor.

BIDS/CONTRACTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Shane Uttich re: Request to tap into sewer on Wooded Ridge Drive**

Not Present

COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Wilkinson explained that there is a need in the city for more street sweeping capability and part of the responsibility for storm water and the street department is to keep the flow of water going, but what ends up backing into the sewer is an influx of the water to the system. He stated that in response to assisting the cleanup of the streets, and to keep down the amount of water coming into the system, the utilities work together and the finances of the utility activity of the city come under the same jurisdiction from state regulations. He reported that they are going to pick up a ~100,000.00 down payment on a sweeper which will show up on their budget as equipment replacement.

Mr. Grimes asked what the total cost of that is.

Mr. Wilkinson replied \$300,000.00 and explained that they are going to make the payments in thirds.

Mr. Grimes asked if it is a new sweeper.

Mr. Wilkinson replied yes. He explained that they had a line on a sweeper that they found in Kentucky but the city of Lexington bought it out from under them and then they found this one in Evansville.

Mr. Gibson stated that it is his understanding that there is very little if any availability of these products which makes it hard for municipalities to operate so when they get an opportunity to pick one up they have to jump on it. He added that he has heard in some places it is almost 2 years out to be able to get one manufactured. He explained that he does have a written determination for them to sign off on that allows them to make special purchases because with items like these there is no one out there bidding as they are gone as soon as they are available.

Mayor Gahan stated that we are experiencing this across the board with equipment and materials so he does think it is a good idea to move forward before this one gets taken out from under us as well.

Mr. Wilkinson moved to approve the purchase of a new street sweeper, Mr. Grimes second, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Moeller reported that information about the new cloud billing will be going out with the sewer bills this month

Mr. Condon stated that the sewer bills are going out in the next few days and will include the QR code as well as stresses to customers that this is optional.

Mrs. Moeller stated that Mr. Hall has a website and Facebook layout to push to the public after the bills go out to help spread the word. She added that she set herself up as the test customer and received an email notice of the pending transaction, received another email the day it came out of the bank and were able to track it back to the system.

Mayor Gahan asked if we have had any negative feedback at all.

Mr. Condon replied no.

Mrs. Moeller stated that as long as it is optional she doesn't foresee any issues.

Mr. Sartell reported that we have been experiencing a lot of sewer odor issues so he reached out to neighboring communities to the south of us and they have been experiencing the same thing. He stated that while they aren't exactly sure they believe it may be due to some air quality issues with some of their industrial clients. He explained that normally sewer odor is localized but we have been getting a lot of complaints and Jefferson County has received even more complaints than New Albany. He added that they will still monitor it and respond to any clients that call in to complain so that they are making sure it isn't a local issue.

Mayor Gahan stated that they have received several complaints in his office so they are going to issue a statement today to put residents at ease that it isn't a wastewater issue.

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Wilkinson reported that the billing for August was \$1,132,000.00 which is just inside the budget, with no other changes to report.

TABLED ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clark Dietz

Mary Austin, Basin 31 Lift Station – she reported that the contractor did meet the substantial completion date but they have had some issues with the PLC giving a failure error. She stated that they have been out to troubleshoot on several occasions and at this point they have turned off the alarm until they can identify the miscommunication, She added that they have sent a request to the manufacturer for a refund with the feeling that there are two components of two different brands that aren't talking to each other, and it needs to be replaced. **Weberpal Stream Permit** – she reported that the Corps is going to allow them to file it as maintenance work which means they don't have to submit a 404 permit, but they do have to give IDEM a 30 day notice. She stated that they have the draft ready for the request for quotes and they should have the final specs and front end documents ready within the next two weeks.

Mr. Sartell stated that this is for an exposed line next to the creek and they have been waiting on IDEM and the Corps for quite some time to take actions. He added that it will be a small repair.

UTILITY REPORT:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the following claims for the period of 09/08/22 to 09/21/22 in the amount of \$143,180.30:

Sewer Claims	Amount	Dept.
SMITH CREEK, INC.	541.66	SEW
SMITH CREEK, INC.	2,979.16	SEW
HUGHES,CARMEN - ATLAS CLEANING	560.00	SEW
GALVIN, PETER	80.00	SEW
KIDD, KATHY	104.96	SEW
GODFREY, SEAN	35.16	SEW
NEW ALBANY PARKS & RECREATION	4,500.00	SEW
FRANTZ, WILLIAM	115.30	SEW
BAILEY, JANIA	80.71	SEW
FULK, HALEY	50.52	SEW
	Total	
	9,047.47	
AMERICAN TRAILER, LLC.	310.00	WWTP
BLACK DIAMOND	45.00	WWTP
MURPHY ELEVATOR COMPANY, INC.	1,391.25	WWTP
MURPHY ELEVATOR COMPANY, INC.	174.36	WWTP
CLARK-FLOYD LANDFILL LLC.	13,370.73	WWTP
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	111.50	WWTP
CLARKE MOSQUITO CONTROL	12,294.15	WWTP
CINTAS #302	127.26	WWTP
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CULLIGAN WATER SYSTEMS	80.00	WWTP
EARTH FIRST	63.35	WWTP
STEMLER PLUMBING, INC	260.00	WWTP
FRAKES ENGINEERING	220.00	WWTP
USA BLUE BOOK	450.44	WWTP
USA BLUE BOOK	(329.00)	WWTP
USA BLUE BOOK	435.65	WWTP
BIOCHEM, INC.	12,471.60	WWTP
DELTA SERVICES, LLC	345.00	WWTP
DELTA SERVICES, LLC	1,747.84	WWTP
GRIPP, INC.	2,703.62	WWTP
EYE-TRONICS	666.91	WWTP
EYE-TRONICS	132.01	WWTP
CRUM'S HEATING & COOLING	731.25	WWTP
ESRI	100.00	WWTP
ECO-TECH, LLC-WASTE LOGISTICS	495.49	WWTP
CONRAD, CHRIS	58.31	WWTP
IUPPS	963.30	WWTP
ELEMENT MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY	68.00	WWTP
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ULINE	368.17	WWTP

GOTTA GO INC.	2,544.00	WWTP
GOTTA GO INC.	1,590.00	WWTP
COVERALL SERVICE COMPANY	1,075.00	WWTP
JOHN JONES- SALEM	7,030.97	WWTP
ACTION EQUIPMENT SALES CO, INC	178.50	WWTP
502 EQUIPMENT	858.00	WWTP
ABBOTT'S LAWN SERVICE & FENCE	2,250.00	WWTP
VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA, LLC	279.20	WWTP
FLACK INDUSTRIES, LLC.	2,200.00	WWTP
MIDDLETON, MATTHEW	35.00	WWTP

Total 68,092.12

SILVER CREEK WATER	17.03	TU
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FLOYDS KNOBS WATER	25.60	TU
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FLOYDS KNOBS WATER	27.39	TU
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SPECIALTY EARTH SCIENCES, LLC	18,867.00	TU
SPECIALTY EARTH SCIENCES, LLC	8,386.28	TU
SPECIALTY EARTH SCIENCES, LLC	5,186.50	TU
INFORMATION RESOURCES, INC.	81.22	TU
EDWARDSVILLE WATER CO.	17.00	TU
DUKE ENERGY	700.32	TU
DUKE ENERGY	61.29	TU
DUKE ENERGY	613.73	TU
DUKE ENERGY	170.95	TU
DUKE ENERGY	874.42	TU
DUKE ENERGY	46.11	TU
DUKE ENERGY	722.42	TU
DUKE ENERGY	101.12	TU
DUKE ENERGY	39.96	TU
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY	60.84	TU
GIBSON LAW OFFICE, LLC	1,066.04	TU
INDIANA AMERICAN WATER	786.23	TU
POSTMASTER	600.00	TU
SILVER CREEK WATER	1,369.20	TU
CLARK CO. REMC	131.00	TU
CLARK CO. REMC	165.84	TU
CLARK CO. REMC	314.14	TU
CLARK CO. REMC	143.89	TU
CLARK CO. REMC	140.43	TU
BRANDON'S HOUSE	9,990.00	TU
HARRISON CO. REMC	343.48	TU
HARRISON CO. REMC	100.85	TU
HARRISON CO. REMC	43.44	TU

AMERICAN WATER	1,650.00	TU
HODGES, THOMAS	56.05	TU
COUSINS, KAREN L.	35.32	TU
COUSINS, KAREN L.	11.94	TU
COUSINS, KAREN L.	2.97	TU
COUSINS, KAREN L.	21.60	TU
COUSINS, KAREN L.	14.73	TU
COUSINS, KAREN L.	13.96	TU
COUSINS, KAREN L.	10.78	TU
COUSINS, KAREN L.	14.96	TU
COUSINS, KAREN L.	11.27	TU
COUSINS, KAREN L.	27.83	TU
XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS USA	1,242.00	TU
XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS USA	1,699.70	TU
WEX BANK	7,573.53	TU
SPECTRUM BUSINESS	724.90	TU
SPECTRUM BUSINESS	133.29	TU
SPECTRUM BUSINESS	1,431.57	TU

Total 66,040.71
Grand Total 143,180.30

Mr. Grimes moved to approve the above claims, Mr. second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Mayor Gahan, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk