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**JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
AND
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY COMMISSION
Minutes**

April 13, 2015

Brillion Community Center

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gary Deiter called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL – CITY COUNCIL:

Present were Mayor Gary Deiter, Alderpersons Robert Brick, Mel Edinger, Crystal Fhlug, Betty Nies, Wally Sonnabend, Larry Van Frachen, and Carrie Wenzel. Also present was Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Joy Buboltz.

ROLL CALL – UTILITY COMMISSION:

Present were Mayor Gary Deiter, Jeff Wittmann, Mary Jo Krueger, Wally Sonnabend, Joe Levash, Dave Schwahn, Leonard Kopidlansky, and Dan Mertens. Also present was Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Joy Buboltz.

GUESTS:

Guests of the meeting were Randy Much of MCO, Amy Vaclavik and Ron Wolf from McMahon, Police Officer Tony Schweigl, and Mark Owens from Brillion Radio.

Other guests of the meeting were Lonnie Puskala, Gene and Dorene Schmidt, Carol Propson, James & Rae Marie Steinfest, Lucas Ratajczak, Craig Orth, Tammy Quinzer, Ron and Leann Stever, Roger Bladow, Roger Baroun, Earl Herring, Jodie Braden, Mary Schneider, and Holly Thurow-Riahi.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion –Van Frachen moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Edinger. Call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

6:30 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 N. COLUMBUS AVENUE AND 2015 I/I PROJECTS:

Mayor Deiter opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 PM.

Amy Vaclavik and Ron Wolf gave a Power Point presentation on the City's 2015 I/I Reduction program. Vaclavik gave a brief history on the building of the current Wastewater Treatment Facility. She stated that flows to the Wastewater Treatment Plan have increased over the past several years as a result of inadequacies in the sanitary sewer collection system. She explained some of those inadequacies.

Vaclavik reported on October 29, 2010 the DNR issued a Notice of Violation to the City of Brillion because of Sewer System Overflows. On December 13, 2010 the City and DNR enter into Compliance Agreement to identify actions the City will take to eliminate Sewer System Overflows. The City is required to meet with and report to the DNR regularly actions to eliminate Sewer System Overflows. Over the past few years the City has conducted investigations to identify sources of I/I.

In response with the compliance agreement with the DNR, the City needed to provide documentation to the DNR that the 2013 S. Francis Street was successfully completed. Televising provided that proof.

As far as the City's current Ordinances, Policy & Procedures implementing the I/I Reduction Program the City received input from the DNR and the City Council on them. The most important ordinance created was the Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance. This Ordinance requires that the property owner replace/remediate their lateral if the lateral is found to be in violation of City Ordinance.

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Wolf explained the 2015 I/I Reduction Project is the Columbus Avenue (south of USH 10), Dewey Street, Trier Street, and Schley Street. This project area will have spot repairs of main line sewers, replacement or remediation of private sanitary laterals from the terrace to the home, construction of mini-storm sewers, and construction of storm sewer laterals. These homeowners will have the option of an open cut construction or pipe bursting for their lateral.

Columbus Avenue (north of USH 10) will have a full street reconstruction done along with the I/I Program, which will be similar to S. Francis Street Project in 2013. Wolf explained the costs a homeowner would be responsible for and the costs the City would be responsible for with this project.

A preliminary time line was presented and explained to those present.

Mayor Deiter stated currently the City is treating fresh water at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City is being mandated by the laws of your State, the EPA, and the DNR is getting tighter and tighter on compliance issues. If we do not comply, the DNR will come to the City and take control.

Mayor Deiter opened the Public Hearing for public comments at 7:20 PM.

Craig Orth, 125 Trier Street, asked how the mini storm sewer relates to the I & I Program. Wolf stated the mini storm sewer provides a lateral point to connect your lateral to the storm sewer. Orth asked what if a property owner does not currently have a sump pump and can run their water out to their back lot. This property owner may not need or may not use the mini storm sewer. Wolf stated we can't pick and choose which area we allow to install a mini storm sewer line.

LeAnn Stever, 121 Trier Street, questioned why it is not mandatory to have property owners hook to the mini storm sewer. There may be residents that should hook to the mini storm sewer that won't. Wolf stated those property owners may be forced to hook to the mini storm sewer. Stever stated she feels this makes no sense since she does not have a problem with water in her basement at this time. Wolf explained property owners may have issues in the future with water in their basements once the laterals are replaced. Some residents may not have any effect on their property, but some residents may.

Orth stated with the 2013 S. Francis Street Project, exceptions were made to those property owners on the east side of S. Francis Street to allow those property owners to discharge their sump pump discharge to Spring Creek. Can some property owners with the 2015 I & I Project also receive exceptions for those that can discharge their water to their back lot that would not affect another property owner. Wolf stated that City Policy does not allow that.

Orth stated he feels the City is forcing this project "down our throats". Mayor Deiter explained these projects are done in uniformity. Orth stated the S. Francis Street Project had exceptions. Wolf stated that was because some owners were able to discharge their water to a water way. Orth stated he feels the mini storm sewers will not fix anything and does nothing for this project. However, he does understand the need to replace defective laterals. Van Frachen explained the DNR is requiring the City to remove clear water from entering the sanitary sewer and once the laterals are tightened the water is going to go somewhere.

Mayor Deiter stated the mini storm sewers will be installed in the front the homes.

Tammy Quinzer, 117 Trier Street, stated that her property is already hooked into a storm sewer by the Brillion Community Center back yard. Wolf stated that will need to be checked on.

Roger Bladow, 124 Dewey Street, asked how deep the mini storm sewer is installed into the ground. Wolf stated in most cases 2 ½' behind the curb. However, it may vary spot to spot.

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Gene Schmidt, 708 Columbus Avenue, stated that he resides on the east side of Columbus Avenue (north of USH 10) and has Spring Creek that runs in his back yard. He was wondering if his property could be considered an exemption from the mini storm sewer hookup requirement. Wolf stated he will need to review his property to make sure there is not another property owner between his property and Spring Creek.

Roger Bladow asked is mini storm sewer lines can freeze in winter. Wolf stated usually not.

Lonnie Puskala, 714 Columbus Avenue, asked if there will be a mini storm sewer line on each side of the road. Wolf stated there is a storm sewer at the end of Petty Street where the mini storm sewer line will run into. Puskala asked why the costs of these projects aren't placed on the tax roll since these projects affect the whole City. Wolf explained that the City is paying almost \$200,000 for the North Columbus Avenue project. The rest of the cost of the project is cost shared by the property owners.

LeAnn Stever stated she feels that the City is forcing residents to hook up and this is a waste of residents' money. Orth asked what happens if this does not work five (5) years down the road.

Mayor Deiter closed the Public Hearing at 7:48 PM.

FINAL RESOLUTION – 2015 N. COLUMBUS AVENUE AND 2015 I/I PROJECTS:

Motion – Van Frachen moved to adopt Resolution #RE15-04 a Final Resolution authorizing special assessments to N. Columbus Avenue, S. Columbus Avenue, Schley Street, Dewey Street, and Trier Street. Seconded by Sonnabend. Roll call vote taken. 7 votes cast. 6 yes votes and 1 no vote cast by Edinger. Motion carried.

AWARD BIDS – 2015 N. COLUMBUS AVENUE PROJECT AND 2015 I/I LATERALS PROJECTS:

Wolf explained two (2) separate bids were obtained for these projects.

Wolf stated with the 2015 N. Columbus Avenue project eight (8) bids were received ranging in price from \$297,000 to \$404,563.35. It is their recommendation to award this contract to the low bidder, Kruczek Construction, in the amount of \$297,000.

Utility Commission:

Motion – Krueger moved to recommend to City Council to award the 2015 N. Columbus Avenue Project to the low bidder, Kruczek Construction, in the amount of \$297,000. Seconded by Schwahn. Call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council:

Motion – Sonnabend moved to award the 2015 N. Columbus Avenue Project to the low bidder, Kruczek Construction, in the amount of \$297,000. Seconded by Wenzel. Roll call vote taken. 7 votes cast. Motion carried unanimously.

Wolf stated with the 2015 I/I Lateral Project six (6) bids were received ranging in price from \$380,595 to \$540,150. It is their recommendation to award this contract to the low bidder, Robert J. Immel Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$380,595.

Utility Commission:

Motion – Levash moved to recommend to City Council to award the 2015 I/I Lateral Project to the low bidder, Robert J. Immel Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$380,595. Seconded by Mertens. Call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council:

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Motion – Sonnabend moved to award the 2015 I/I Lateral Project to the low bidder, Robert J. Immel Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$380,595. Seconded by Brick. Roll call vote taken. 7 votes cast. Motion carried unanimously.

Wolf stated both projects will be using the same pipe bursting contractor, M & E Construction.

Mayor Deiter thanked the City Council members and Utility Commission members for their service and stated sometimes difficult decisions need to be made.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion – Edinger moved to adjourn. Seconded by Sonnabend. Call vote. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Joy L. Buboltz
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer