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CITY COUNCIL



May 22, 2019

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: DPW Office, 50 Manca Drive

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AGENDA

- I. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the April 16, 2019 Meeting.
- II. Department Updates:
 - Public Works/Sewer/Water – Dane Arnold, DPW Director
 - Survey/Engineering – Chris Coughlin, City Engineer
 - Conservation Commission – Jeffrey Legros, Conservation Agent
- III. FY2020 Budget Reviews:
 - Conservation Commission – Jeffrey Legros, Conservation Agent
 - Survey/Engineering – Chris Coughlin, City Engineer.
 - Public Works/Sewer/Water - Dane Arnold, DPW Director.
- IV. Public Works Projects - Loan Orders and Other Appropriations:
 - a. \$11,000,000 Loan Order for Water Main Replacement Program.
 - b. \$1,750,000 Loan Order for City Hall Avenue Sewer Main and Willis Road Sewer Pump Station.
 - c. \$93,908 from Sewer Surplus for Combined DPW Facility 1st Loan Payment.
 - d. \$93,908 from Water Surplus for Combined DPW Facility 1st Loan Payment.
 - e. \$125,000 from Sewer Surplus to Repairs to Mains – Willis Road re-paving.
- V. Other Business

VI. Adjournment

NOTICE: The listing of Agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chairman which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

CITY COUNCIL OF GARDNER

Nathan R. Boudreau

Councillor Nathan R. Boudreau

Chairman, Public Service Committee

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of APRIL 16, 2019

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive at 4:41 pm, April 16, 2019.

Members Present: Councilor Nathan Boudreau Chairman, Councilor Craig Cormier, Councilor James Boone, Administrative Assistant Denise Merriam

Attendees: Robert Oliva Assistant DPW Director, Jeff LeGros Conservation Agent; Paul Martin; Reginald Haughton; John Daly

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Nathan Boudreau called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.

OPEN MEETING RECORDING

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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting as written Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone, all in favor motion carries.

ORDINANCE ISSUES

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Robert Oliva: Willis Road Pump Station remodeled. Councilor Cormier any money from State?
Rob: small percentage.
Force Main on Willis Road is in the process of being fixed with new line.
Water/Sewer plans for downtown are about 75% complete could be out to bid in timely manner.
Unitil is out now doing their repairs.
West Broadway and Timpany paving.
The prison needs a new water service along Smith and Chapel, we are working with them.

Jeff LeGros: Solar projects doing regular monitoring, Otter River road answered quick, West Street getting stabilized is being addressed.
99 Restaurant moving forward, site super proactive no issue with wetlands they did everything right, going into build phase.
Earth Day/Arbor Day this Saturday the 20th tree planting with boy scouts project, 8 trees being planted.
Movie being shown at the Library.
April 27th Citywide cleanup with volunteers.

WATER ABATEMENT/REBATE APPEAL

- 119 Graham St.: Requesting an abatement on bill due to tenant leaving water running in one unit for weeks. Water has been shut off and tenant evicted could we take an average from before he moved in. Rob stated Paul new it was going on and it has continued to a second bill. Councilor Boudreau asked if we had any other cases like this. Rob not since I have been here. Councilor Cormier stated the average bill is \$900. Councilor Cormier asked how long it went on before he noticed. Mr. Martin it took 6 months to get the tenant out. Rob we should hold to Ordinance, cost of doing business water went through meter. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to deny abatement bill stays as is, all in favor, motion passes. Councilor James Boone abstains from voting.
- 18 Jackson Hill Rd. requesting an abatement on sewer for bill period 02-2018 and 05-2018 pictures show basement had been wet at some point. Owner believes water pipes froze and burst water went in cellar for a month or so. House was empty since fall of 2017, neighbor reported water coming out. He bought the property at auction with a balance on the water/sewer bill. Rob stated he bought the property knowing he had a bill to pay I recommend we leave as it is. Councilor Cormier asked again if this is how he bought it and Rob said yes. Motion made by Councilor James Boone second by Councilor Craig Cormier to deny request for abatement, all in favor motion passes.
- 135 Parker Hill Road: requesting abatement on bill toilet running for a period of time they did not know closed for the winter. Councilor Boudreau asked if the toilet was repaired, Mr. Daly said yes within 24 hours of finding it, also a drip in the tub. Councilor Cormier asked how long he owned this property, Mr. Daly said 14 years. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone to take average of three bills (take out highest & lowest), all in favor motion passes.

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR'S

Councilor Cormier:
Councilor Boudreau:
Councilor James Boone:

Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone to adjourn meeting at 5:25 pm. All in favor motion passes.

Next meeting will schedule at later date.

All documents submitted at this meeting are stored in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive for any review.