

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of MAY 7, 2018

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the City Hall Mayor's Conference Room 128 on Monday, May 7, 2018.

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

Attendees: Assistant Dir. Rob Oliva, Jeff Legros Conservation Agent, Council President Scott Graves, Councilor Karen Hardern

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Nathan Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting as written Councilor James Boone second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau, all in favor motion carries.

ORDINANCE ISSUES

#9905 – An Ordinance to Amend the code of the City of Gardner by Adding a New Chapter to Be Entitled “Scenic Roads.” (In City Council and Referred jointly to Public Service Committee and Public Welfare Committee, 3/19/2018)

Committee had a discussion on this ordinance request and feel they need more time to study it.

Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone to send this to the City Solicitor for review. All in favor motion passes.

Councilor Boudreau stated the Public Welfare Committee requested more time but it's not known if they requested a legal opinion.

Jeff Legros stated we already have legal protection for public shade trees. We are working on a draft tree ordinance has not been put forward to the City Council yet, similar in nature.

Councilor Graves, “Who is the decision maker?”

Jeff a tree committee.

Councilor Boone asked if they could get a copy of the proposal.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 600 Thereof, Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic,” Section 23, All Night Parking.

Councilor Boone feels more time is needed to make a decision.

Councilor Boudreau wait to talk to Dane.

Councilor Cormier asked if the City Solicitor had reviewed this.

With the changes at the police station the new Deputy Chief may want to be consulted.

Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone to refer to City Solicitor for opinion. All in favor motion passes.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Rob Oliva: Clark Street, Acadia Road water main going in then paving the road.

Conrad Donel will be improving the sewer main on Pearl St. as part of his agreement for building new houses.

Second phase of the WWTP Design bids out mid to late May for Dewatering.

Willis Road pump station, brake in force main in poor condition will replace the pump station that was put in 1900’s. DEP wants it fixed.

Councilor Boone asked if the prison pays for maintenance. Councilor Boudreau stated mitigation money. Rob informed the committee they have a water main they own. They pay for what water they use.

Jeff LeGros: Updated committee on the Omealia Land and Park Grant contracts issued for amendment, start July close October/November. Josh and Jeff are getting ready for the next phase, this was just for land. Councilor Boone asked what happens if we miss on the property does the grant have any exception. Jeff something can be settled, doing purchase and sale agreement next week.

123 Child Care on Airport Road they were issued order of conditions, and are a go now.

Arbor & Earth Days were a big success had about 30 volunteers. Arbor Day handed out about 100 tree seedlings (have 10 left). Dane planted some at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

WATER ABATEMENT/REBATE APPEAL
REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILORS

Councilor Boudreau: Would like some grinding for Coburn Ave. Senior Center Director.

Councilor Cormier: Nothing today

Councilor Boone: Deer Hill Road are they hooked to City water?

Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone to adjourn meeting at 6:35 pm. All in favor motion passes.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Jun 4, 2018 at 4:30 pm

All documents submitted at this meeting are stored in the office of the DPW 416 West Broadway for any review.