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February 21, 2020

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 25, 2020  
**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 prior meeting.
- II. Department Updates:
  - Public Works/Sewer/Water – Dane Arnold, DPW Director
  - Survey/Engineering – Chris Coughlin, City Engineer
  - Conservation Commission – Lyndsy Butler, Conservation Agent
- III. Abatements Water/Sewer:
  - a. 40 Brookside Dr.
- IV. Proposed Ordinance Amendments:
- V. Councilor Requests.
- 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*

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Chairman, Public Service Committee

## REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive at 4:30 PM on February 4, 2020.

**Members Present:** Councilor Nathan Boudreau, Councilor Karen Hardern, Councilor Alek Dernalowicz, Administrative Assistant Denise Merriam

**Attendees:** Dane Arnold DPW Director, Chris Coughlin City Engineer, Rob Oliva Assistant Director; Lyndsy Butler Conservation Agent; Representative from Hope House

### CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Nathan Boudreau called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

### OPEN MEETING RECORDING

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### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting as written Councilor Alek Dernalowicz second by Councilor Karen Hardern, all in favor motion carries.

### ORDINANCE ISSUE

City Code Ch. 625, Water, 625-5 Fees & Charges: and City Code 625, Water 625-10 Water System Connection Fees: Rob explained the reasons for requesting increase in fees, Councilor Boudreau can this be filed before May Dane not sure. Alek only emergencies.

### SEWER/WATER ISSUES

Hope House 29 Pleasant Street: The Director stated they have six bathrooms in the building when they received their water bill very high usage they had a leak behind a toilet that is not regularly used. She knows it is their responsibility to take care of these issues but was wondering if the bill could be reduced or make a payment plan; they are a non-profit it was not done on purpose. Councilor Boudreau asked did something happen two years ago, yes they had pipes burst when they were still under construction they paid the bill, break was not in the building and was fixed right away. Councilor Boudreau did all this water go through sewer system, Rob yes. Rob said we could work with a payment plan. Councilor Boudreau asked if this was the first problem they had. Rob only in operation 1.5 years. Councilor Hardern they should be responsible for that length of time they had a leak no one heard anything. Dane our job is to enforce the ordinance. Councilor Boudreau they paid the bigger bill, cut in half do a payment plan. Councilor Boudreau inform the Director that the committee would take this under

advisement and get back to her with a letter. Councilor Hardern do they have a maintenance person on staff. Councilor Boudreau stated they have volunteers that stop by off and on. Councilor Dernalowicz do a payment plan, is there any way around the interest. Dane no on interest. Councilor Hardern if not a non-profit would we do the same thing. Should pay something. Motion made by Councilor Alek Dernalowicz second by Councilor Karen Hardern to pay all of the water and waive the sewer charges for the water used except the normal quarterly minimum charge. All in favor motion passes.

### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Dane Arnold: enclosed is a letter that Chris and Rob and myself wrote to the Mayor and City Council regarding all the Water, Sewer and DPW Projects going on, time frame for completion, and explanation of funding.

Chris Coughlin: Having a Public Hearing on the Uptown Rotary

Lyndsy: Things are a little slow right now.

99 Restaurant on Timpany Blvd. building tie-ins and drainage

New Elementary School

Manca Dr. drain issue their Maintenance Dept. is repairing.

Councilor Boudreau: feel free to come to him for help on issues.

### **MONEY ORDERS**

### **REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR'S**

Councilor Boudreau: Received a couple written requests from other Councilors gave to Dane.

Councilor Dernalowicz: 149 High St., lawn damaged by plow.

Motion made by Councilor Alek Dernalowicz second by Councilor Karen Hardern to adjourn meeting at 5:16 pm. All in favor motion passes.

Next meeting scheduled for February 25, 2020 at 4:30pm.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Denise M. Merriam, Administrative Assistant