

## REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of July 29, 2019

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive at 5:02 pm, July 29, 2019.

**Members Present:** Councilor Nathan Boudreau Chairman Remotely by phone, Councilor James Boone, Administrative Assistant Denise Merriam, Councilor Craig Cormier was absent

**Attendees:** Dane Arnold DPW Director, Chris Coughlin, City Engineer, Robert Oliva Assistant DPW Director. Christopher Boudreau,

### CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Nathan Boudreau called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

### OPEN MEETING RECORDING

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No one is recording the meeting.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2019 meeting as written Councilor James Boone second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau, all in favor motion carries.

### ORDINANCE ISSUES

53 Peabody St. Letter for tampering with meter: Resident feels the fine is a bit much excessive no malice intended water pipe broke at 4:00 am did not no meter had belong to the City thought it was his had to stop leak when he put meter back in must have been backwards. Not like he purposely did wrong. Councilor Boone asked why was meter removed. Resident stated pipes are frail chlorine too high burst pipes from inside out at same time as square had a break. Dane ownership is from the main in the street to the house. Councilor Boudreau informed the resident that the Committee would take under advisement and get back to him via letter. Thanked him for coming in. Councilor Boone any reason he would have done this with malice, Rob City Ordinance is to keep people from cheating the system. Rob fine is not to make up for loss of usage it's to keep from doing again. Motion made by Councilor James Boone second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to adjust the fine to \$250.00, all in favor motion carries.

45 Century Way: Resident was away in Virginia in February when a card was sent to her house that her bill was higher than normal she took a reading and it was 4 times higher than normal. She found a toilet running upstairs. She had someone stop toilet and shut off water while she was gone, she came back at the end of April. Councilor Boudreau asked if she fixed the toilet. She stated yes put in new one. Dane said you got the bill in February, why did you wait so long to appeal. She did not come back until May, it was cold and a relative passed away she did not

know she only had 30 days to appeal. Councilor Boudreau informed resident they would take under advisement and get back to her by letter. Councilor Boudreau stated we could reduce bill by \$100. Motion made by Councilor James Boone second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to reduce her bill by 50% for water only, all in favor motion carried.

### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Dane Arnold: Opened the Water Main Project bids for downtown, first one came in at \$4.5 million; second \$3.9 million and third at \$2.2 million. We talked with the contractor for the third bid and they stated that was their bid for all the work. G&G Construction in Greenfield, if he works out well we will try to keep him on for more work.

I sent a letter to the City Council requesting they appoint a Representative for a grant from DEP regarding water/sewer modeling, and drain work for \$141,000. The City will cover \$94,000 just need an authorized rep. City Council needs to appoint a representative Dane said it could be him.

We installed 100' of new drain at Elm St. & Lawrence St. the pipe that was there was undersized and full of tree roots.

Trench on Pearl St. has been fixed.

Oak Street has been completed we are working on Graham Street now.

Chris Coughlin: James Street near the water tank road is not accepted, building lot has no frontage, owner paid for a survey getting prices for acceptance. Councilor Boudreau asked if there was an access road. Dane right across from gate 40'

### **MONEY ORDERS**

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

Councilor Boudreau: I received a request for speed bumps. Dane said the Deputy Chief is not in favor they interfere with emergency vehicles, expensive to maintain and install. Sending response to Councilor Christine Johnson Deputy Chief says no.

Ash Street what's happening: Dane did not vote on it, by Ordinance 28' road. Make recommendation to City Council.

67 Korsholm Ave. large tree afraid it is going to fall can we check it out.

Councilor James Boone: What is the status of Pleasant Street Bridge. Utility work and site work is starting will be late fall next year before complete.

Motion made by Councilor James Boone second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to adjourn meeting at 5:45 pm. All in favor motion passes.

Next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

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

Minutes were approved as written at the September 16, 2019 meeting.