

MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2016
CITY & SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members in Attendance: Kent Butler, Chair
Jennifer Cochran, Vice-Chair
Peter Kotses, Member

Other Council Members: Chris Fahl
Michele Papai
Jeff Risner

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials: President Knisely
Mayor Patterson
Service-Safety Director Horan Moseley
Deputy Auditor Kreider

President Knisely noted that City Council is issuing a letter to the State Legislature in opposition to an amendment proposed by AT&T to request allowing wireless antennae to any structure owned by a municipal corporation, or build new free-standing poles in the public right-of-way. This proposal has not gone through any legislative hearings or meetings with municipalities. Mayor Patterson has also issued a letter to the State Legislature.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- National League of Cities (NLC) Residential Service Line Program (presentation)
 - Emilie Zalfini, Account Manager, Utility Service Partners, Inc. (USP), this program is endorsed by the NLC – the program is designed to help address the homeowner’s portion of aging underground infrastructure – (USP) would like to partner with the City to make this voluntary program available to residents, at no cost to the City – program includes external water lines, sewer lines, and internal plumbing – offers an incremental revenue stream to the City (\$.50 per month per warranty contract) paid out in January in the form of a royalty – market program only by direct mail – City’s part in this partnership is two-fold – (USP) asks for use of the City logo and signature of City representative – prior to launching a marketing campaign, the letter would be sent to the City for review and approval – City would have access to online portal to view enrollment, claims information, and customer satisfaction surveys – currently partnering with 15 in the State of Ohio (see attached).
 - Risner – currently receives information from other service providers offering similar services – questioned why USP is requesting permission from City Council

- Zalfini – no requirement to do so, however, is part of the agreement with the NLC endorsement
- President – asked if agreement with City is renewed on an annual basis
- Zalfini – it is a 3-year marketing agreement, or until cancellation – City bears no liability
- President – asked about emergency response time
- Zalfini – within 1-hour of initial contact, contractor should be in touch with customer and on-site within 24-hours, or under 6 hours in case of emergency
- Kotses – questioned whether billing is assumed by the City
- Zalfini – no
- Kotses – asked about rate of success
- Zalfini – 18 to 25% participation
- Fahl – asked if businesses qualify
- Zalfini – at this time, it is only residential
- Mayor – will request Law Director to review agreement
- Dakota Access Pipeline (resolution of opposition)
 - Cochran – is bringing this forward in response to requests from several Athens citizens who have expressed concern about this situation – though it far removed from our municipality, we believe there is a connection because of the water rights issue – City has taken a strong stance on the importance of protecting our water supply

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Dakota Access Pipeline Resolution

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7:00 P.M.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Members in Attendance: Jeff Risner, Chair
Chris Fahl, Vice-Chair
Kent Butler, Member

Other Council Members: Jennifer Cochran
Peter Kotses
Patrick McGee
Michele Papai

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Items Discussed:

- 2017 Budget
-Mayor – budget is nearing completion – noted that this is a fluid document that will be amended throughout the year – some of the numbers have been adjusted to accommodate staffing needs, some requests for vehicle replacements, computers, and capital improvements items
- 2017 Staffing
-S-S Director – no increase in staffing
- 2017 Non-Union Benefits
-S-S Director – under review by the Auditor's office – basically, rewording and cleanup language
- Appropriations
-S-S Director – requested approximately \$2000 be appropriated for the Armory Market Study

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1. 2017 Appropriations
2. 2017 Staffing
3. 2017 Non-Union Benefits
4. Appropriations

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Items Discussed:

- Athens Health Realty (land donation)
 - Bill Bias, representing Frank Murphy – explained that Mr. Murphy would like to donate approximately 45 acres to the City, located off Columbus Road, behind The Laurels Nursing Home and Assisted Living Center – many of the City's water wells are near this site – to protect the aquifer from contamination, feels City would be a good steward of this land – noted that whoever leases the nursing home, in perpetuity, has the responsibility of maintaining the retention ponds and the spillway – none of that maintenance would fall upon the City
 - Mayor – City Engineer sees the possibility of a future collector well on this site – this is a generous opportunity, while scenic, is also protective – development of this area could impact our wellhead
 - Fahl – agrees, this is a great opportunity

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Peter Kotses, Member

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ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Disposal (vehicles)
 - Papai – (4) are APD seizure vehicles that have been released from evidence, and the others are older model City vehicles that have reached their useful life

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1. Vehicle Disposal