

## **SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MARCH 27, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry VanHoozen. Committee members present were Deborah Born, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Jon Eckel, Service Director.

### PERMISSION TO PURCHASE FRONT-END LOADER

Mr. Eckel asked permission to enter into a contract with Ohio CAT for \$195,269.00 for the purchase of a 2019 Caterpillar Front End Loader for the Service Division. He noted that the front end loader is used on a daily basis, and that this purchase is budgeted for 2019. Mr. Eckel added that this will be a state purchase through Ohio CAT. Ms. Born questioned whether there is an option to continually rent from Ohio CAT, rather than purchase, and Mr. Eckel stated that financially it is far better to buy than rent. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the purchase of the front end loader with Ohio CAT as an emergency.

### PERMISSION TO PURCHASE MOSQUITO CONTROL SUPPLIES

Mr. Eckel asked permission to enter into a contract with Clarke for \$45,044.26 to authorize the purchase of mosquito control supplies for the Service Division. He added that the chemicals used are effective and safe, and that this purchase is budgeted for 2019. Ms. Born asked about the effect that the supplies have on allergies, and Mr. Eckel added that there are MSDS sheets available to all residents as well. Mr. Eckel noted that there are actually 28 residents that are notified via email before the City sprays at night. He added that the City sprays at night so as not to affect the honey bees. Mr. Eckel requested that the purchase be passed as an emergency in order to save \$2,800.00. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the purchase of the Duet from Clarke as an emergency.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Eckel stated that an unfortunate incident happened last week with the upper retaining wall at Hood Park, as it has collapsed. He added that he is concerned with slippage and further damage, as well as stabilizing the entire structure, and replace everything. Mr. Eckel asked permission to enter into a contract with Michigan Pavers in the amount of \$179,365.00 to authorize the emergency expenditure necessary for the replacement and repair of the retaining walls on the upper two tiers at Hood Park. There was additional discussion about going over the \$200,000.00 budget, and if other materials could be used. Mr. Eckel noted that Michigan Pavers provides a substantial product with their Redi-Rock, which is a molded concrete that ages well. Ms. Kabat added that HLC approval was granted last year for projects at Hood Park and Riverside Park. Ms. Born stated that she would rather see a different product used. Mr. VanHoozen confirmed the inclusion of the quote. Mr. Eckel stated that Bowser Morner has already agreed to be the firm overseeing the project, and Ms. Kabat further discussed the quote. Jim Hagen, 10471 Avenue Road, stated that it makes more sense to envision a long-term plan. Mr. Hagen recommended a few reviews of plans, and taking the plans to the electorate. Ms. Born stated that she is not in favor of Mr. Hagen's ideas. Mr. Eckel stated that the Redi-Rock

will provide a permanent fix. Ms. Born added that she is opposed to the Redi-Rock, and would prefer a different product be used. The Committee voted 1-1 to recommend approval of the contract with Michigan Pavers as an emergency.

Mr. VanHoozen wanted to encourage the recycling review with a collaborative study that looks towards the future. Mr. Eckel added that there will be a comprehensive review that dates back ten years.

Ms. Born said that she wanted to congratulate former Councilman Ghanbari on his appointment to the Ohio House.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairman  
Service Committee

***Next meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.***