

SERVICE COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chairperson Jan Materni. Committee members present were Cory Kuhlman, Jan Materni, and Jonathan Smith. Also present was Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Mr. Smith thanked the City for allowing the Cemetery to use a backhoe when theirs went down. Ms. Materni relayed a complaint from a citizen regarding a strip of grass at the corner of Sixth and Mulberry that the property owner does not mow. There was a brief discussion regarding the process for lots that are not mowed and about reseeding areas that are part of construction projects. Mr. Kuhlman brought up the citizen concern from the previous City Council meeting regarding multi-use paths being considered by the Service Committee. Ms. Kabat stated that Phase 4 of the multi-use path is part of the TMACOG grant from 2009, and it is her understanding that all phases of the project have gone through the Service Committee. She stated that the Indiana Ave./SR25 intersection project is part of a TMACOG Transportation Grant and the discussion came up about whether the sidewalk should be replaced by a multi-use path. Mr. Smith said that he feels if a sidewalk is going to be replaced with a multi-use path it should go to the Service Committee. Mr. Kuhlman agreed adding that if we are doing a roadway project it saves money to do the multi-use path at the same time. He cautioned that he does not want multi-use paths that lead to nowhere. Mr. Smith stated that several years ago the Recreation Committee requested a master plan of multi-use paths. Ms. Kabat stated that she can get the map that was created by GIS to the committee.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Ms. Kabat distributed packets to the Committee and stated they've tried to add more details to the budget process through more detailed worksheets. The Committee reviewed the budgets that fall under the Department of Public Service. Ms. Kabat said there were no changes in personnel, and the decreased amounts in the salary line items are due to there being 27 pay periods this year and 26 next year. She said that health insurance is projected to be up next year so that line item is showing an increase. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Materni, Chairperson
Service Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.