

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke
Council Members Bryant, Granger, Koester, McConaghy,
McMullen, Shetler

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Smith
City Attorney Don Berschback
Treasurer/Comptroller Behrens
City Clerk Hathaway

Also in attendance was Kyle Seidel from Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick.

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, McMullen, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Discussion ensued regarding the **water/sewer study**. Mr. Seidel provided an overview of the previous meeting including an explanation regarding how water rates are calculated. He presented the previous three options in addition to a fourth option, as requested by the Committee, establishing one rate for all residential customers regardless of meter size. The fourth option was shown to subsidize the larger meters by the smaller meter customers. He stated 82% of the bill is based on peak hour and max day, which calculations are the same in some other communities, and in accordance with the Great Lakes Water Authority. Mr. Seidel then took questions and provided responses to the audience.

Fees for replacing water meters were discussed and included the permit - \$75.00, transponder - \$50.00, and meter costs in various sizes at various costs; 5/8" - \$245.00, 3/4" - \$277.00, 1" - \$363.00, 1.5" - \$604.50, and 2" - \$807.00.

Mr. Seidel was asked to advise the City Council when the contract with Great Lakes Water Authority will be expiring. He stated everyone benefits with a smaller meter. Mr. Seidel was asked to look at the effect of reducing the fixed cost for waste.

The City Administrator, Treasurer/Comptroller, and Mr. Seidel recommended the City adopt Option 1 because it does not increase rates throughout the City to any of the residents regardless of meter size. The rates stay exactly as they are today with zero percent increase.

The Mayor then discussed waiving City fees to replace residential meters, which are \$50.00 for transponder installation and \$75.00 for the permit.

Motion by Shetler, seconded by McConaghy, regarding water/sewer study, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that City Council adopt the Option 1 water rate as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, McMullen, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Shetler, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **waiving City fees**, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the City Council waive the permit fee in the amount of \$75.00 and the transponder reconnect fee in the amount of \$50.00 for all residential consumers making the change prior to December 31, 2018; to reimburse those fees to residents for converting to a smaller meter from January 1 to present; and that a separate notice be provided to all residents with this option.

The City Administrator stated that the Building Official would need to determine whether a meter may be reduced in accordance with the Building Code. The City Administrator explained the process and had forms and information available.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, McMullen, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 10:18 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor