



Public Hearing

The City Clerk has scheduled a public hearing before our Regular Council meeting (7:25 pm) for residents to comment on the City's CDBG Consolidate Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Special Health & Safety Committee (7 pm)

1. Mogadore Road Project, City Property Right of Entry Agreement

Bridget and John Idone have requested a Special Committee session for Council's consideration of a request from Thomas & Betts for a Right of Entry Agreement with the City to allow the environmental clean-up of the former RB&W property on Mogadore Road to proceed. The next phase of the clean-up work that has been approved by the Ohio EPA will require remediation equipment to have access to the "North ditch" of the Cuyahoga River which runs between the back of the Kramer Ball Fields and the Thomas Betts property on Mogadore Road. The Ohio EPA, Army Corps of Engineers, ODNR, and CSX Transportation have granted their respective approvals for Thomas & Betts to have their environmental contractor perform the necessary remediation in and around the River. Thomas & Betts has requested the City's approval to use Fred Fuller Park as a point of access for their contractors while the remediation work is underway. (attachment)



Administration Recommendation

The remediation work is currently planned to begin in November and is expected to be completed before the Spring baseball season begins when the ballfields will be needed for softball and baseball games. The remediation work is an important step in the protection of public health and environmental restoration so I recommend Council's support for the Right of Entry Agreement.

Council Actions

Authorize approval of the Right of Entry Agreement with Thomas & Betts as presented.

Unauthorized Items

1. Portage County MOU for Water and Sewer Study

Melanie Baker has requested Council's authorization to allow the City to participate in a grant project to study the water and sewer infrastructure in Ravenna, Kent, Aurora, Mantua, Garrettsville, Windham Village, Tallmadge, Akron/Mogadore and Hiram. The purpose of the study is to identify possible areas of collaboration and service improvements that would enhance economic development and service undeveloped land. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The City's participation in the study requires no financial commitment and does not obligate the City to any specific actions. I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Authorize the staff to enter into an MOU for a water and sewer study of Portage County utilities.

Information Items

1. Monthly Permit and Zoning Reports

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the monthly zoning and permit violations report for September 2016. Permit revenues were \$23,832 for the month with the most permits being issued for Residential HVAC. There were 42 code enforcement items, most of which were related to property maintenance. (attachment)

2. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of August 2016. Overall the City income tax collections are down 4.08% (\$408,888) from August 2015 (special one-time tax gain in 2015 from a corporate buy-out). Kent State University's collections thru the end of June are up 2.08% (\$68,292). (attachment)

3. Health Board Department Statistics

Jeff Neistadt has provided copies of the statistical report for August and September 2016. Health Department revenues are up 7% (\$26,808) and permits are down 9% (40 permits) in 2016 from 2015. (attachment)

4. Fire Incident Report

Chief Tosko has provided a copy of the fire and emergency medical services report for August 2016. In 2016 calls for fire service are up 4% (21 calls); fire mutual aid assistance is up 1 event in 2016; and EMS responses are up 1% (23 calls). (attachment)

5. Utility Rate Stabilization Plan 2016 Update

I have attached a copy of the updated charts and information related to the water and sewer rate stabilization plan that Council approved in 2011. I emailed this information to you on October 10, 2016 but I also wanted you to have a hard copy for your reference. (attachment)