

Joint Water, Sewer & Storm Drain and Gas Committee – May 21, 2018

A Joint Water, Sewer & Storm Drain and Gas Committee meeting of the City of Aledo met in Open Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on May 21, 2018. ALD. CHAUSSE called the Joint Committee meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following committee members answered present:

Aldermen ILA BERTRAND, TERRY BEWLEY, JAY DOHERTY, JIM HOLMES, CHRIS KOPP, and RANDY SLATER. Mayor CHRIS HAGLOCH. Alderman BARRY COOPER was excused.

Also present MICHAEL CHAUSSE, Alderman, ERIN KNACKSTEDT, City Administrator, JUSTIN BLASER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

The following was discussed:

Approval of Committee Minutes: Motion was made by ALD. Doherty and seconded by ALD. Kopp to approve the meeting minutes of the Joint Water, Sewer & Storm Drain & Gas Committee meeting held on April 24, 2018 as presented. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

Old Business: *Discussion regarding increasing the out-of-town rate for Gas and Sewer customers – status update:* ADMINISTRATOR Knackstedt proposed that the out-of-town gas and sewer rates be the same for water to establish consistency regarding the rural rates. It was noted a surcharge should also be applied to City utilities to off-set the administrative and maintenance costs associated with the delivery of these services. At the last committee meeting the Committee directed Administrator Knackstedt to draft a letter to rural residents and bring the draft back to Committee for review. A copy of the draft letter was presented to the Committee.

The City currently has 43 out-of-town customers that are receiving City gas service. The approximate revenue gained from adding an out-of-town surcharge of 50% is approximately \$21,619.49.

The City currently has 33 out-of-town customers that are receiving City sewer service. The approximate revenue gained from adding an out-of-town surcharge of 50% is approximately \$11,000.

A motion was made by ALD. Doherty and seconded by ALD. Slater to recommend approval of the gas and sewer rate increase with a surcharge fee as presented, and to send to the City Council for final approval. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bertrand, Bewley, Doherty, Holmes, Kopp, and Slater. NO: None. Motion carried.
6 yeas, 0 nays.

Discussion regarding expanding the current water/sewer lateral replacement program to commercial customers – status update: DPW Blaser reported at the last Water, Sewer & Storm Drain Committee a discussion was held regarding expansion to commercial customers. The Committee requested a list of the commercial accounts for review and information on possible costs limits for commercial repairs.

There are a total of 217 commercial accounts. Three of those are “rural” accounts, which are not in City limits. Two of those accounts are governmental (Post Office & USDA office). Six of those are Industrial. A listing of accounts was provided to the committee.

DPW reported cost limits for commercial accounts would vary significantly. Factors such as line size, (typically larger than residential) location, (highway, non-highway, industrial park, etc.) number of laterals (larger buildings), and special conditions (oil separators, etc.) need to be considered.

ALD. Doherty reported commercial properties were purposely left out due to the difficulty in determining an appropriate rate of repair. ALD. Bewley suggested the Committee consider sending out a letter to those commercial customers inquiring if any interest would be generated by that opportunity.

City Staff to verify if the City has appropriate equipment for inspections before a determination is made. Staff to report back at a later date.

New Business: *No Report.*

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN DOHERTY and seconded by ALDERMAN BERTRAND that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk