

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING –

September 6, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zack Gallagher, Brian Blankenship

GUESTS PRESENT: Connie Miller, Joette, Dedden, Earl Isaacs, Joe Garrett from Trebel Energy

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Copeland, Jamie Morley

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by Mr. Gallagher.
2. Quorum was achieved – Two members were present.
3. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to accept the August 1, 2022 minutes as amended and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

2 Yeas
4. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to excuse Mr. Colvin and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

2 Yeas
5. Chief Copeland stated that Council will be voting on adopting the contract with Trebel Energy at tonight's meeting and Mr. Garrett is here to answer any questions Council may have concerning the contract.
  - a. Mr. Gallagher asked Mr. Garrett if it would be okay to amend the contract from five years to three. Mr. Garrett responded that it would be fine to make the change.
  - b. Mr. Gallagher wanted to make sure that Trebel would be assessable to Council or residents if there are any questions. Mr. Garrett stated that he and his staff are willing to attend meetings or answer any questions as needed.
  - c. Mr. Gallagher wanted to ensure that Trebel will not share personal data. Mr. Garrett stated that every year the supplier will request an account number, address, and load data to be able to calculate energy needs. The contract will give Trebel the right to sign the contract to pull this information and this will be the only time this data will be pulled.
  - d. Mr. Gallagher wanted to ensure that when the Village is put out to suppliers for bid, Council will be provided with the bids along with Trebel's recommendation for which company they believe will best serve the Village's needs. Mr. Gallagher wanted to ensure that Council will ultimately decide. Mr. Garrett agreed this was correct. He also added that as the relationship between the Village and Trebel evolves buying triggers may be implemented. Such as if the price drops below a certain point, the Village gives Trebel permission to enter a contract. Mr. Garrett stated that the current market is volatile, and prices are sometimes good for a few hours. Prices are swinging so rapidly and do not allow time for legislation. The current contract has a buying trigger in it; however Treble would call the Village Manager before agreeing to any contract.
  - e. Mr. Gallagher wanted to ensure residents can opt-out at any point without penalties. Mr. Garrett stated this was correct.
  - f. Mr. Gallagher stated that he understands the process as being, Trebel putting a contract out for bid with parameters. He asked if there are companies that will bid that do not have the capability of being able to follow through. Mr. Garrett stated that there are sometimes companies that do not have the financials to back the bid. He also said that you want to make

sure the company understands hedging. This will all be considered when Trebel makes its recommendation for a supplier company.

- g. Mr. Gallagher wanted to ensure that the Trebel does not make any money off of the Village. Mr. Garrett stated that the supplier pays Trebel, not the Village. Mr. Garrett said that there have been times a neighboring municipality may get a slightly better deal and Trebel has made the difference and passed the savings onto the residents and took it out of their commission.
  - h. A meeting has been scheduled for October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for Trebel to offer a presentation to residents to explain the aggregation. A letter will be sent out with FAQs and offer other dates at nearby municipalities if residents cannot make the meeting in Waynesville.
6. Chief Copeland went over ongoing and future projects within the Village:
- a. Moody should begin test drilling for Well 10 on September 19 and plans to test three sites.
  - b. Miami Valley Painting is completing the painting of the poles along Main Street.
  - c. Micro surfacing of 12 streets throughout the Village is being completed. This will smooth out and turn gray over time.
  - d. Asking Council to table the ordinance for a new SCADA system. Mr. McKeever and Mr. Ray have turned in their notice and would like the new water operator, Greg Perkins, to look over the proposal.
  - e. Staff pulled weeds around the government center and performed records maintenance.
  - f. Ribbon cutting for Jamie Gabbard's new office is on September 8 at 1:30 PM.
  - g. Presentation tonight at the Council meeting from Little Miami Watershed Network.
  - h. Contacted by ODOT because there was a request for egress into the property at Route 42 and 73.
  - i. Provided a photo of Council members with Congressman Chabot after Q & A luncheon.
  - j. Greg Perkins has been hired as the Village's new water operator. He is coming from West Carrollton and has a Class II water license. He will be starting next Monday and should be a good fit.
7. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

2 Yeas

Jamie Morley  
Clerk to Council