

MINUTES

SERVICE COMMITTEE

8:20 p.m.

January 16, 2007

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on January 12, 2007..

Committee Members Present: Mrs. Manning, Mr. Woodin, Mr. Black

Others Present: Councilmen Cox, Ranally and Harrold, Mayor Anderson, City Engineer Sayles, Service Director Tomaselli, Finance Director Rogowski, Parks & Recreation Director Katz, Clerk Radebaugh

BUSINESS

RT 91 SLOPE FAILURE

Service Director Tomaselli explained what the city has been doing for the slope failure at Rt. 91. Barrels were put at the site and \$3000 worth of stone was put over the side of the slope. The slope failure is getting wider towards the road.

City Engineer Sayles explained that they hired a soil consulting firm who recommends a soil stabilization method, putting in a geogrid. It is their opinion that the cause of this failure was probably due to poor soil when the bank was originally built. The repair the city did a few years ago was basically too small and didn't include reinforcing fabric. The estimated total project cost including the design and going out to bid is \$250,000. Mr. Rogowski said he will transfer \$250,000 from \$500,000 set aside for the Rt. 84 slope project. There is also \$250,000 set aside for the Rt. 174 embankment project. Because the guardrail is gone on Rt. 91, Mr. Tomaselli will lease concrete barricades at a cost of \$16,000. This amount is included in the project cost. Mr. Sayles said the design will be finished and they will advertise for bids on March 7, 2007. The project will start in April.

EMERALD ASH BORER PROBLEM

Mr. Tomaselli explained that Doug Yates, the city's tree consultant, made a presentation to council last year regarding the Ash Borer problem. Since then, Mr. Tomaselli has worked on a policy which states how the city will deal with this problem.

Mr. Tomaselli explained that once the city is quarantined, the wood cannot leave Lake County. If the city cuts down a tree, they can grind it up and use it for mulch. Kurtz Brothers will also accept the grindings at no charge. He said that over the next 5 or 6 years, 125 tree lawn trees will be cut down using city employees. As trees are cut down, another type of tree would be planted the next year. The city will encourage residents to cut down diseased trees on their property. Trees in city parks may not be cut down if they are not hazardous to the public.

Discussion followed regarding removing live trees versus removing dead trees. Mr. Katz said it is less expensive to cut down a live tree than a dead tree. Mrs. Manning

commented that it would then be less expensive to be pro-active and take down healthy trees and use that product.

Mr. Tomaselli said he will be going to a seminar on January 29th to find out more information about the Emerald Ash Borer.

The Committee agreed that the policy presented is a good plan.

ERIE ROAD FLOODING UPDATE

Mr. Sayles explained that the Erie Road flooding, which involved three homes, started in December 2005. At that time the trunk sewer was cleaned by Lake County Sewer. These three homes flooded again with the century flood in July, 2006. They also flooded in November. Mr. Sayles said that one solution is to put check valves in the connections to these three homes. The Service Department sent someone out to investigate and found other people in the area were also getting flooded but had not said anything to the city. But, their flooding did not correspond with the flooding of the other three houses. A questionnaire has been sent to the residents in that area regarding flooding. Mr. Sayles is waiting for the responses to come back before they decide on the check valves. He will come back to council with a recommendation by the end of January.

The Service Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Date approved _____

Karen Manning, Chairman

Clerk of Council