

CITY OF GROVEPORT
REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

October 14, 2014

ADMINISTRATION – *Marsha Hall*

- Legislation

Water Service Agreement with Columbus (3rd reading) – We have still not received the draft agreement. They will not require a formal extension to our current agreement as long as we continue to actively work toward the new agreement.

Water and Sewer Regulations (2nd readings) – We have reviewed the current regulations and are providing you with updates based on our review. I am providing you with a marked up version of the regulations showing the proposed changes.

Charity Newsies Sale (1st reading) – We have received notice of their plans to hold their annual sale on Dec. 13 from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

Performance Evaluations (1st reading) – Information regarding this piece of legislation is provided under separate cover.

2015 Health Services Contract with District Advisory Council of the Franklin County General Health District (1st reading) – annual contract to be authorized. This constitutes a 17.2% increase in charges.

Fishing Agreement with Ohio Department of Natural Resources (1st reading) – I was recently contacted by ODNR that our current 10 year agreement with them for Palm Pond expired September 23, 2014. In addition to the normal conditions of the agreement, they are including the additional restrictions we added as part of Ordinance 14-025. Because the agreement has already terminated I am requesting that Council consider all three readings at tonight's meeting.

- Columbus Water and Sewer Rate Increases

The Columbus utility rate increase recommendations that affect Groveport residents going before Columbus City Council are as follows: 3% increase for water, 3% increase for sanitary sewer, and no increase for capacity fees to be effective 01/01/2015. Ordinance 2014-004 included language that allows the Administrator to “implement any modification in rates necessary to account for changes in the utility rate schedule of the City of Columbus”. I have advised the Water Billing Clerk to make the necessary changes to the sewer rates (+3%) for the Groveport water customers effective January 1, 2015.

- COTW/Budget Workshop

The meeting is scheduled for Oct. 22 starting at 8:30am at the Golf Course. Prior to the Budget portion of the meeting, we will discuss all other topics on the COTW agenda and have a short 15 minute presentation of the status of the energy project.

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- Water Tank Painting

I have requested cost estimates for various painting alternatives associated with Warren Motts' request for the museum to be recognized on the tank when painted next Spring. I asked for two different options.

First Option – Painted as the drawing presented to Council shows: This option would cost approximately an additional \$50,000. Part of the cost is because the red would quickly become pink with usual paint. To keep the red color for more than two years would require a special type of polymer paint. Even with the polymer paint, the life expectancy of this option is somewhat less than normal (about 75-80%). Another issue with this is that “Motts Military Museum” is much larger lettering than “Groveport”. While it may be nice to recognize the museum, I’m not sure you want it to be the more pronounced lettering.

Second Option – Painted in the current colors; add “Home of Motts Military Museum” in smaller letter. This option would cost an additional \$8,000 to \$9,000. The problem with this option is painting GROVEPORT in larger letter and “Home of MOTTS MILITARY MUSEUM” underneath in smaller letter would cause the letters to be smaller than they like to see and less visible to the public. Caldwell Tank’s suggestion is to put on different sides, but I think this has its drawbacks also.

A decision needs to be reached on this so that we can consider in our 2015 Appropriations, if necessary. I will tell you that the money for this would have to come from the General Fund. Neither the Water Fund or Water Capital Fund has the money to spend on this type of purchase, especially the higher costs of \$50,000. The normal painting is already included in the current tank maintenance agreement within our Water Fund.

- Executive Session

I am requesting that Council go into executive session for the discussion of land acquisition and potential imminent legal action.

- Out of Office

I will be out of the office from Oct. 15 through Oct. 21. Other than Oct. 15 I will be available by phone or email.

Meetings Attended

Sept. 23	Status meeting re. golf course food and beverage contract
Sept. 26	Mtg. with Steve Thompson re. historic area resource material
Sept. 30	Faro Logistics groundbreaking
Oct. 8 & 9	Ohio Municipal League annual conference in Columbus
Oct. 10	Ace Hardware Grand Opening
Oct. 14	Mtg. re. health insurance renewal
Oct. 14	Mtg. re. upgrading social media

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Upcoming Meetings

Oct. 22

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