

CIRCLEVILLE SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 11/19/2024

Circleville City Service Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, Circleville, OH. Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present at Roll Call: Chair Tom Duvall and member Sheri Theis and Clerk Melissa Burns. Other Council members present: President Barry Keller and John Moats. Invited Guest Present: Jeff Coleman and Nina Dirk.

Duvall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Theis motioned to approve the minutes from October 15, 2024. Seconded by Theis. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Nina Dirk gave a presentation on behalf of Strand and Associates regarding the lead service line investigation on behalf of the City. Dirk started by explaining the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) rule was formally adopted by the EPA in 1991. Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) are the two most recent updates to the Rule. The Rule updates require; the City to categorize all service lines and create and submit an inventory by October 16, 2024; notification to all customers be sent by November 15, 2024; and service line replacement plan submitted, and service lines replaced by 2037. The statewide lead ban went into effect on September 12, 1988. Strand used Auditor records to review which homes were built after the lead ban to help create their inventory. Dirk stated the City would be responsible for replacing the system owned portion of the line which is typically from the connector to the curb stop. Thorough records investigation and leads, Strand created a comprehensive inventory for the City that summarized the all services lines that need replaced to get in compliance that included; 10 lead service lines, 483 galvanized service lines, and 1,668 unknown service lines. There are a total number of 6,195 service lines in the City. 2,161 letters were sent out to customers. The City is continuing to try and stay ahead of the situation by investigating, updating, and evaluating lines to have a complete inventory that the City can use to replace the lines. Letters will continue to be sent to customers if any new lead lines are discovered. Duvall stated the City tests the water regularly and to date no lead has been discovered in the water.

Dirk stated the lead status unknown letters still list all the same steps to reduce lead exposure as the lead service line identified letters. The unknown line letters let customers know how they can verify if their home has a lead service line and assure them that further investigations will continue to be carried out by the City. Dirk outlined some next steps for the City include limiting corrosion lines and planning projects to remove necessary service lines and validate others. There is a phosphate feed at WTP that helps to prevent corrosion. An optimum corrosion control treatment study is currently on the way. The City has multiple Waterline Capital Improvement Projects underway that will help to verify the unknown lines and replace the lead service lines. The City will perform annual inventory updates and by 2027 the inventory list will also include the connector materials. The City will validate all service lines by a two-point visual inspection of a subset of non-lead services lines. The City will start to replace all lead service lines by 2027. Within 10 years all lead and galvanized lines will be removed.

Theis asked if the City would just be replacing the City owned portion of the line. Dirk stated that depends if the City plans to use their own funds or federal funds. Federal funds require the entire service line to be replaced and not just the City owned portion of the line.

Moats asked if there were any lead exposures known in the City of Circleville. As of today, there is no known lead exposure in the City. Free testing is available for any homeowners who have concerns. The whole state is working under the same regulations and potential lead exposure. Stanley stated all projects moving forward the City will try and obtain federal funding.

a) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A PERMANENT RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT TO CARGILL, INC. GRANTING IT THE RIGHT TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN A MODERNIZED UNLOADING SYSTEM ACROSS THE LANDS OWNED BY THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, NAMELY CANAL STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Stanley stated this Ordinance will allow Cargil to improve their loading system. The company has used the right-away for over 100 years. Stanley believes this will lead to a quicker load time, more stacking capabilities and reduce the number of closures on Main Street.

MOTION-ROLL CALL-VOTE: Theis motioned to forward the Ordinance to the next Council meeting on December 3, 2024, with a recommendation for passage. Duvall seconded. Roll call (2 Yeas –0 Nays) Motion carried.

Old or Any Other Business:

Theis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Duvall seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk