

Special Session of Village Council

August 26, 2014

Call to Order

The Special Session of Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Erwin. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll Call was completed by the Mayor. The following members were present.

Yorkie Bryant - P

Terry Erwin - P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh - P

Judy Neal - P

John Poe - P

William Thompson - P

Purpose

The Mayor stated the purpose for the called meeting: Consider Emergency Water Connection Agreement between Western Water and the Village of Morrow.

The Mayor advised the Environmental Protection Agency visited the Water Plant the previous week in response to complaints received concerning discolored water. He stated the Village does not have the capacity to flush the system due to one pump being down. This is the reason we are considering an agreement to purchase emergency water to have an alternate source of water and the ability to flush the system.

Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh stated she reviewed all the information and felt it was imperative to proceed; she didn't see any negatives to it. Solicitor Kaspar noted the document in his possession stated Board of Trustees as authorizer and noted it should read Village Council. Councilman Thompson stated the copy in his copy was correct. Councilman Erwin stated he was in agreement with Isaacs-Niemesh and believed this action should have been taken some time ago. Councilman Bryant stated he doesn't trust Western Water; he is afraid the Village will lose its Water System. Bryant stated he didn't have information about the plant and wasn't sure when it was being fixed. Councilwoman Neal questioned statement #9 of the agreement with regard to the thirty days specified, stating it could be extended to 60 days with written notice. She stated Morrow did not want to end up like Toledo; this is a measure we need to take. Councilman Poe stated there is a need; this is a two way street. It goes both directions; he stated this is the way I see the agreement. He stated it is a good idea. Thompson asked if we connect do we have the ability to buy from them while our well is down. The Mayor responded yes. Thompson stated we are pushed into a corner due to the filter media being well past its life and maintenance. Isaacs-Niemesh asked where the connection would be made. The Mayor stated either Todd's Fork Reserve or the connection at the west side of town. Thompson stated if we do this, he wanted a commitment that the Water Plant repairs would be made a high priority. Kaspar stated that would be *extraneous comment*. The Mayor stated we will limit the discussion to the emergency water connection only.

Public Forum

Erica Levine asked if the connection would affect her bill. Thompson stated no; we will pay Western Water a higher rate and charge the standard rate. Beverly Massey asked if the Village could buy from Warren County or another source. The Mayor explained the high cost for equipment, etc. from Warren County to make the connection would need to be absorbed by the Village. At this time, this is our option. Gary Nelson asked if there was a cost to repair the plant. The Mayor stated that would be discussed at another meeting. Sue Nelson asked if Western Water gave an answer as to their time commitment as to how long the Village could buy water. The Mayor responded. Discussion followed. The Mayor called for a motion. Kaspar provided the reading for the Ordinance.

Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #5-14; second by Erwin. Five yea, one nay by Bryant. Motion by Neal to adopt Ordinance

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#5-14, approving an Emergency Water Purchase agreement with Western Water and declaring an emergency; second by Neal. Five yea, one nay by Bryant. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Bryant. All yea.

Kathie Koehler, Fiscal Officer

Mike Erwin, Mayor