

Norwalk Utility Advisory Commission

July 14, 2014 6:00 pm

Norwalk City Hall

At 6:00 on July 14, 2014 the regular meeting of the Utility Advisory Commission was not called to order because the only members present at roll call were Newton Standridge and Ric Graves. Meeting rescheduled for July 21, 2014. Also present Tim Hoskins and Jo Snyder.

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At 6:00 on July 21, 2014 the regular meeting of the Utility Advisory Commission was called to order by chair Newton Standridge. Members present at roll call: Newton Standridge, Ric Graves, Tim Kalvig and Dan Merriman. Also present Tim Hoskins and Jo Snyder.

Motion by Graves & seconded by Merriman to approve Agenda of the July 21, 2014 meeting. 4-0. Motion by Kalvig & seconded by Graves to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting. 4-0.

Oath of Office administered to Tim Kalvig and Ric Graves by Newton Standridge

Old Business:

**Capital Projects** – Projects in the works: • Warrior Development, SE sewer trunk line (discussed fees)

•With new development around Capital City Fruit (HyVee & Loffredo) & development north of HyVee looking at a regional storm water area. 1<sup>st</sup> step would be to pass a master ordinance to set the methodology, this has been table by the Norwalk City Council •Development continues off of 50<sup>th</sup>, south of St John's, Legacy Plat 17. Ridge Plat 4, Ridge Estates

**NCIS** –Will be rebidding in late fall or early winter for the Norwalk Community Infrastructure Projects.

**Meter Update** – Continue to installing new meters, shared our ability to see the consumption on meters for 30 days on hourly basis. Used this on a property that had high consumption and it was found to have a toilet leak. Eventually we will be able to read the meters from City Hall. Bulk meter adjusted calibration with the valve, scheduled to be replaced next year.

**Purchasing Water Line – Warren Water** –Western Annexation Agreement –Their territory is serviced by Rural Warren Water and the City would have to buy the current customers, the City discussed buying out their customers and \$65,000 has been set aside for the past two years, this year it was reduced by half and no money is in the budget for the next 2 years.

Discussed water rates: proposed increase 5% for the next 3 years, earmarking 3% for capital projects and 2% operations. Discussion on water projects, currently have 3.5 million in water projects for old town. Cost per water line break approximately \$9,000-15,000. \$140,000 budgeted 2014-2015 to get rid of dead ends (1 block). Table for next month.

Water reduction policy, Hoskin's will email policy. Discussion on irrigation water usage and rates.

Motion by Graves to strike the commercial irrigation rate and have it the same as residential. Seconded by Kalvig. 4-0

**Solid Waste Rates** - Staff is recommending an ordinance that adjusts the extra tote charge to \$7.00 per month and adjusts monthly rates by \$0.50 as soon as possible and \$0.50 on July 1, 2015. Graves motioned to change the rates to \$7.00 per extra trash tote and .50 increase now and .50 July 1, 2015. Merriman seconded the motion. 4-0.

**Warrior Run Sewer** – Discussed in Capital Projects

**Storm Water Regional Retention** – Discussed in Capital Projects

New Business:

**Blooming Height Sewer** – Trunk line needed from WRA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

Next Meeting October 13, 2014

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Newton Standridge

Jo Snyder