

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**OF MAY 11, 2020**

Municipal Council of the City of Vermilion  
Municipal Complex, 685 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089

**In Attendance:** **Vermilion City Council:** *Monica Stark, Council at Large; Emily Skahen, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five; Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk. Not Present: S. Herron*

**Administration:** *Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Tony Valerius, Service Director*

**Call to Order:** Frank Loucka, Chairman, RESOLVED THAT this Utilities Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

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**TOPIC ONE: Estimate for Lateral Inspections**

F. Loucka reported the city engineer received an estimate for lateral inspections for four streets in the VOL area. He asked city council to give the engineer some time to review the estimate.

B. Brady asked if they will start to make sure the south end is the butt of the street and there's no tie into any storm sewers coming from Berkley or the YMCA.

C. Howard said he received the price late Friday and their quote is for Rowland, Cummings, Overlook and Aldrich. They will do a light cleaning of the main line of the sewer starting from Edgewater and will work south. They will locate every lateral they encounter, and they will launch up the lateral as far as they can go. A price per lateral was given and he provided a breakdown for the main line. They charge \$1.25 per linear foot for cleaning of the main line and videotaping that, and \$75 per lateral launch. The cost per street was broke down. F. Loucka asked what the definition of light cleaning means. C. Howard said it's just a way to say they're going to clean it. F. Loucka asked that when they camera the laterals, will the resident be advised of an obstruction or illegal tie in and will they be instructed to repair, fix or clean it. C. Howard said they will do a breakdown for each street and noted the city's responsibility per ordinance is up to the right of way. They will define the issues and where they are located.

B. Brady asked where they start. C. Howard said they will start at Edgewater and will work their way south. B. Brady asked if they will check in either direction to see what is happening there; if there are any storm water tie-in's coming out of Liberty. C. Howard said they will run to the last manhole on Berkley. Some of them don't run all the way to the intersection of Berkley; some run short, but on Overlook they will go all the way to Liberty because it does go underneath the railroad tracks. He said they will know if there's an actual connection to the manhole or anywhere on the main line. B. Brady asked how they picked

Cummings. C. Howard said it was based on the original report of the flow metering. He thinks they just picked the four streets that had the most I/I.

Homer Taft of 3972 Edgewater said with respect to the laterals; the whole bid is like \$14,000, but the majority is the laterals. He assumes they are not cleaning the laterals, but they go up the lateral to determine two things. One, there is discussion of possible infiltration at a storm ditch or the like, but secondly, he is assuming it's going to the house basically and to the point where it would see it turning out to any connections. C. Howard said they will notice if the pipe is separated or if there are root balls. They can run about 100' up the lateral, so he thinks this will at least get them to the foundation of the house.

F. Loucka asked if they would only be inspecting the laterals instead of cleaning them. C. Howard said correct they will just be inspecting and there may be some with root balls and he will have to stop at that location, and they will let the homeowner know where in the line that root ball is, if there is one. F. Loucka said the estimate is for \$14,392.50 and asked to refer this to the Finance Department to analyze whether this is something they can proceed with based on the current finances. G. Fisher said the finance director can address this under her report at the next council meeting.

H. Taft asked if it indicates if they will locate a clean out in a lateral. C. Howard said yes it will.

F. Loucka adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

*The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2020 at a time and location to be determined.*

*Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk*

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