

MINUTES STREATOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - END OF GRANT STREET
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Members present: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

PUBLIC COMMENT Scot Wrighton, City Manager introduced Shawn Wright and Keith Sharlog from Chicago Veolia and George Zurmely from the Streator Wastewater Treatment Plant in Streator and thanked them for the tour provided of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and for attending the meeting.

Toni Petit reported that members of the Neighborhood Watch had met and she prepared hand-outs for the Council that indicated the many negative incidents reported in our community.

DISCUSSION ITEMS-

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Regulatory Changes & Receiving Stream Water

Scot Wrighton, City Manager, presented this item to the Council. He reported the IEPA has proposed new phosphorus limits on the municipal sewer treatment plants in the Vermillion River watershed. Wrighton's recommendation is to have the IEPA change the focus from instituting new phosphorus/nitrate limits to looking at the pollution in the entire Vermillion watershed and focusing on nitrates and mine seepage –which is a bigger problem than phosphorus. The Council agreed to petition the EPA by contacting state and national legislatures to investigate the sources causing high levels of nitrates in the Vermillion River and taking action to reduce the high levels.

2. Annexation Agreement Terms for Unsewered Areas

Wrighton presented this item to the Council. He reported on the two meetings held with East Kent and East Broadway Street residents regarding their annexation to the City of Streator. All council members were in favor of following up with a letter to these groups.

3. Pension Funding & Pension Reform Options

Wrighton presented this frequent topic to the Council and explained that municipal bonds could be issued as a strategy to fund city pensions. Councilman Scarbeary gave a presentation to the board in favor of this option. A concern raised was the limit state law would allow the city to carry.

4. Tour Segments of the Vermillion River Greenway Project

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Mayor Lansford called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so the Council could tour segments of the Vermillion River Greenway Trail.

MOTION: Scarbeary made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bedei.

ROLL: Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

TIME ADJOURNED 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Patricia L. Henderson, City Clerk