

**Minutes of the
Public Utilities Committee
Troy City Council
November 21, 2016
6:00 pm**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Donohue.

Roll Call: The roll being called the following answered to their names: Chair Donohue, Council Member Bodnar, Council Member Sullivan-Teta. Dept. Head Chris Wheland arrived at 6:05 pm. Also present Council President Mantello, Council Member McGrath, Council Member Ashe-McPherson, Council Member Kopka, Council Member Doherty and Council Member Gulli.

In attendance were Mayor Madden, Deputy Mayor Kurzejeski, Corporation Counsel Kevin Glasheen, and Deputy Comptroller Andy Piotrowski. Three members of the public attended.

Consideration of Ordinances:

ORD. #77

ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCES DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL RELATING TO THE SEWER RATE FROM DECEMBER 1975 THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 2014 PURSUANT TO THE TROY CITY CODE AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO INCREASE THE SEWER RATE FROM 85% TO 100% OF THE WATER BILL RATE

Chair Donohue made a motion to table the ordinance to a 2017 Public Utilities Committee meeting. Ordinance #77 was tabled by a unanimous vote.

Chris Wheland gave an overview of the CSO program and stated that in the 70's sewage would go directly into the Hudson and now with the interceptor it goes directly to the plant. He noted Troy is saving money as we part of a regional group and that we do most of the work ourselves and try not to hire outside contractors. Wheland sited city staff installed 2800 feet of 24" in Wyantskill Way. Bodnar shared that we faced potential fines from DEC. Wheland said the fines could be as high as \$37,500 per day. Wheland said he applies for grants. Donohues asked how he gets grants. Wheland said he goes to the DEC and EFC website and applies.

McGrath asked about a landlord that was over \$10,000 in arrears on five properties on a water bill as he was told the owner walked away without paying. Wheland said the water is off. Wheland explained a letter gos to the landlord and the door is tagged five days prior to shut off. McGrath asked if the landlord had a payment plan. Piotrowski said no payment plan not at this time. McGrath wanted verification that the water is off and Kurzejeski said she will let him know.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn – Sullivan-Teta, 2nd Bodnar
Meeting adjourned 6:24 pm

An audio record of the Troy City Council Public Utilities Committee meeting is on file in the Troy City Clerk's office.