



**City of Pataskala**  
**Legislative Report to Council**

Legislative Report

July 1, 2019 Council Meeting

**Unfinished Business**

A. Ordinances

- **ORDINANCE 2019-4342- 3<sup>rd</sup> READING - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 929.7 AND 929.8 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA, THEREBY INCREASING THE WATER AND SANITARY SEWER RATES, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2020**

The Utility Committee and the staff have worked tirelessly to decide on a rate increase amount that is significant enough to properly fund the department while at the same time having as minimal an impact on the customers as possible.

After considering eight different possibilities, the Utility Committee recommended three options be presented to Council for consideration. These options are as follows:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Option 6</b>	5%	0%	5%	0%	5%
<b>Option 7</b>	5% W-8% S	0%	5% W-8% S	0%	5% W-8% S
<b>Option 8</b>	5%	0% W-5% S	5%	0% W-5% S	5%

This Ordinance Amendment is for Option 7. This option is the lowest increase amount that provides a slight positive trend in both the water and sewer fund balance forecasts. This is important as the costs of the necessary consumables (electricity, salt, chlorine and other chemicals, fuel, etc.) as well as personnel costs and other operating expenses continue to increase every year. It also is an option that provides a “year off” in between scheduled increases to provide some relief to the customers.

	In-Town	Out-Of-Town
<u>Year</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
2016	\$7.65	\$11.48
2020	\$8.26	\$12.40
2022	\$8.92	\$13.39

2024	\$9.63	\$14.46
------	--------	---------

	In-Town	Out-Of-Town
<u>Year</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Water</u>
2016	\$4.48	\$6.72
2020	\$4.70	\$7.06
2022	\$4.94	\$7.41
2024	\$5.19	\$7.78

The future rates for this increase will be as follows:

These rate increases will only affect the consumption portion of the customer's bill. The CIP fee will remain unchanged at \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons used for both water and sewer.

I recommend approval of Ordinance 2019-4342.

➤ **ORDINANCE 2019-4341 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

The 136.23-acre property is currently zoned R-10 – High Density Residential and is heavily wooded with several large ravines and large elevation changes. The North and East borders of the parcel abut the Beechwood Trails Subdivision in Harrison Township, with access from Faultless Lane, Regret Drive, and two access points from Middleground Road. Access from within the City of Pataskala Municipal boundary is on Devoncroft Ridge West in the Hazelwood Subdivision, and Devoncroft Ridge East in Barrington Ridge.

The property in question was previously considered for development as a 224-unit subdivision with roads that would run throughout the development allowing through-access between the City of Pataskala and Harrison Township. However, that project was abandoned.

The Applicant's proposal is to develop the property into a 60-lot Planned Residential Development utilizing large lots and cul-de-sacs with no through-access.

## New Business

### A. Ordinances



### B. Resolutions

#### ➤ **RESOLUTION 2019-050**

The parks and recreation department are seeking policy approval for community service projects that will be completed by local organizations and scout groups. The policy allows for a simplified process which creates an understanding amongst both the organization and the City of Pataskala to complete projects that will take place in city parks and other properties owned by the municipality.

#### ➤ **RESOLUTION 2019-051 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN**

Ohio Senate Bill 1 provides, through the Ohio EPA, a requirement for an effluent discharge limit of 1 mg/L phosphorous for treatment facilities designed for 1 MGD or more. Pataskala's WRF is designed for more than 1 MGD, and we expect the limit of 1 mg/L to be applied to us either during our permit renewal this year or during the next permit renewal in 5 years. To be proactive in regards to this limit, the Utility Department asked Hull and Associates to review our treatment system and determine a facilities upgrade plan to reach the 1mg/L limit. Hull determined that the best approach is to upgrade several components of our treatment process. Hull also provided information that the Ohio EPA was extending a program that offers 0% loans to utility departments for upgrades to facilities to meet the pending phosphorous limits.

This is the next step in the process begun in January of this year to utilize a 0% interest loan available through the EPA for the WRF upgrade. Before the loan can be awarded, the construction bidding process will have to be completed. The application is being turned in early to allow the EPA time to do most of their review in an attempt to ensure that we do not fall behind the award date of December 2019, which has been our target for this process from the beginning.

Approval of this resolution would authorize the City Administrator to apply for, accept and enter into a loan agreement for the design and construction of these plant upgrades. The loan issued through the EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) is at 0% interest for a term of 5-30 years. We will request a term of 7 years. The city has funding available for \$1,000,000 of this loan in the 2019 and 2020 budgets, the remaining 500,000 will be budgeted for in the years to follow.

The cost of the design and construction phase of this project is estimated at \$1,500,000. This estimate includes the payoff balance of the design loan for the WRF upgrades approved by Council on February 4, 2019 and awarded by the EPA on April 9, 2019.

I recommend approval of Resolution 2019-051.

➤ **RESOLUTION 2019-052 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-034 TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT WITH MANKIND LLC, BY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO REMODEL OLD TOWN HALL.**

Approval of this resolution would increase the contract with Mankind LLC to refinish additional hardwood floors at the Old Town Hall. On May 6, 2019, City Council approved a contract with Mankind LLC in the amount of \$44,212 to remodel the Old Town Hall. Part of that contract was to refinish the original hardwood floors in the main hallway of the building. Since demo has occurred, it was discovered that the original hardwood floors in one of the offices are also able to be refinished. To refinish the additional hardwood floors will cost an extra \$1,000. The budget for the Old Town Hall remodel (\$200,000 approved for 2019) has available funds to cover this expense.

I recommend approval of Resolution 2019-052.

