



City of Pataskala *Legislative Report to Council*

Legislative Report

October 17, 2022 Council Meeting

Unfinished Business

A. Ordinances

➤ **ORDINANCE 2022-4429 – 3RD READING – TABLED 10-3-22**

Currently, Redrock is negotiating with CTEC to see if they can come to an agreement for compensation. These negotiations are continuing throughout this week. CTEC maybe hold a special meeting approving the compensation package prior to the October 17, 2022 City Council meeting. This will be the final item that the City is waiting for in order to read (3rd) and adopt this ordinance. There is an outside chance that the administration may ask for 2022-4429 to be read and adopted. This would not happen unless negotiations are successful and CTEC approves the compensation package.

B. Resolutions

New Business

A. Ordinances

➤ **ORDINANCE 2022-4431 – 1ST READING - INCOME TAX ALLOCATION RATES**

Once the debt service and operational funding requirements were identified, the allocation of income tax revenues between the Debt Service, Street, Police and Capital Improvements funds were calculated. The initial portion is taken off the top to cover any outstanding debt service requirements. After that amount has been calculated, the next level is then allocated to the Street and Police funds to cover their current year operational needs. Any remaining funds at that point are allocated to the Capital Improvements funds. The 2022 allocations were as follows: 45.0% - Street; 44.1% - Police; 9.4% - Debt Service; and 1.5% - Capital Improvements. For 2023, the allocations are proposed as follows: 47.10% - Street; 46.30% - Police; 5.10% - Debt Service; and 1.5% - Capital Improvements. **We are respectfully requesting that Council hold the 1st reading at the October 13th Council meeting. We would anticipate that this legislation will go through all three of the required readings.**

➤ **ORDINANCE 2022-4432 – 1ST READING - 2023 BUDGET**

The proposed 2023-2027 capital improvements program (CIP) and any significant projects/initiatives and/or proposed staffing changes were previously presented to

Council at the September 26th special Council meeting. The formal budget book is currently in the process of being prepared and will be provided to Council soon. We made a few adjustments and corrections to the budget as presented at the special Council meeting. These include the following:

- Added Public Service/Utility sewer/vac trailer expense of \$20,000 in the Street (201) fund in 2023.
- Reduced 2023 medical, dental, vision and life insurance premium increase rate from 7.0% to 2.0% (\$48,000 decrease).
- Added the 2023 Police shooting range upgrade (POL-23-004) to the CIP reporting. The \$40,000 expense in 2023 was already included in the 208-301 budget model.

We will be tracking any requested changes to the budget and incorporating them at one time into the proposed budget in order to ensure that we all are working from the same version of the proposed budget instead of different amended interim versions. As a result, the proposed budget numbers contained in the attached exhibit remain unchanged (other than the items identified above) from those provided at the special Council meeting. **We are respectfully requesting that Council hold the 1st reading at the October 17th Council meeting. We would anticipate that this legislation will go through all three of the required readings.**

➤ **ORDINANCE 2022-4434 – 1ST READING**

The Agricultural Committee met on September 19, 2022 to discuss the Discharge Map as several properties were identified as needing to be removed from the Discharge Zone due to their development as a platted residential subdivision and commercial industrial uses. This ordinance would remove the identified properties from the discharge zone as recommended by the Agricultural Committee.

➤ **ORDINANCE 2022-4435- 1ST READING - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 929.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA, THEREBY INCREASING THE SANITARY SEWER FLAT RATE, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2023**

The Utility Department identified a discrepancy with the sanitary sewer flat rate. This rate had been erroneously left out of all rate increases that have occurred since 2012, to include the creation of the CIP fee. The Utility Director created a three-year, phased in approach to increasing the sanitary sewer flat rate until it is commensurate with the rates of the rest of the customer base. This phased in approach is intended to minimize the impact that these increases will have on the affected customer’s monthly budget.

Beginning on January 1, 2023, sanitary sewer flat rate monthly bills will be based on 5,000 gallons usage. The sanitary sewer flat rate will remain at \$4.75 per 1,000 gallons usage for In-Town and \$12.40 per 1,000 gallons usage for Out-Of-Town. The \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of usage CIP fee will be applied. The remaining increases will be as shown in the table below.

	In-Town	Out-Of-Town
<u>Year</u>	<u>Sewer Flat Rate</u>	<u>Sewer Flat Rate</u>
2023	\$4.75	\$12.40
2024	\$7.19	\$13.39
2025	\$9.63	\$14.46

This concept was presented to the Utility Committee at the May 16, July 18, and Sept 8 Utility Committee meetings. It was also presented to all of Council at the Special Council Meeting on Sept 20, 2022.

Approval of Ordinance 2022-4435 is recommended.

Consent Agenda

3. Motions

4. Resolution

➤ **RESOLUTION 2022-087 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE VINE STREET TRUNK SEWER PROJECT**

Approval of this resolution will allow for the Administration to submit an OPWC application for assistance with the Vine Street Trunk Sewer project. This project has been created to address flooding that occurs in the vicinity of Linda Ave. due to reliance on old field tile on private property for drainage in this area. This project will include the installation of approximately 1600' of new storm sewer, placed in the right-of-way along Vine St. and Linda Ave.

To assist with offsetting costs to the City for this project, it is recommended that Resolution 2022-087 be approved.

➤ **RESOLUTION 2022-088 - A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INSTALLING SIDEWALK ALONG BROAD STREET (SR16) IN THE CITY OF PATASKALA AND UPGRADING THE SIGNAL EQUIPMENT AT SR 16/SR 310 NORTH INTERSECTION**

The City applied for, and was awarded, \$130,000 of federal "earmark" money for the Pataskala Safe Travel Plan, Phase III project. As these are federal funds being applied to the project, ODOT must administer the project and ensure that all federal requirements are met. Accordingly, ODOT requires that the participatory legislation be signed by the local authority (the City), to verify and acknowledge the terms and requirements for ODOT administration and use of the grant funds.

The project will include installation of pedestrian facilities, a new signal controller, and radar detection at the intersection of SR 16/SR 310/Township Road.

Approval of this Resolution is recommended and is necessary to move forward with receipt and use of the grant funds.

➤ **RESOLUTION 2022-089- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING MULTIPLE STANDBY GENERATORS**

The Utility Department numerous water and sanitary sewer pumping stations. Of those, there are three locations that do not have standby power installed. When power is out for the admin, sugar mill and river forest lift stations, a portable generator is used to pump down a lift station, move to the next and pump it down, and so on. We also do

not have standby power for two of our larger wells at WTP1. The rest of our pumping locations already have standby power available.

The Utility Department wishes to apply for OPWC funding to assist with the purchase and installation of standby generators for those locations. In order to apply, OPWC requires a resolution from council authorizing the application. This resolution will meet that requirement.

Approval of Resolution 2022-089 is recommended.