



An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts without competitive bidding for the emergency purchase of a potable water tanker truck, and increase appropriations in the Water Fund by \$100,000, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair recognized Mr. Mader, who stated that there are residents in areas of the former Northampton Township who do not have access to City water mains and instead use cisterns and trucked-in water as their only source of water supply. In 2007 the Council established a water delivery service through the City. Until 2014 these residents received water deliveries through the City. The residents were well satisfied with this service. In late summer 2014 the truck used by the City for this service broke down. The City attempted to contract for the service, but no workable agreement was completed. This legislation authorizes the administration to purchase a new truck that will be retrofitted with a water tank, to permit restoration of the water delivery service.

The Chair recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked if the legislation caps the expenditure at \$100,000. Mr. Mader stated that is correct.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked if the truck will be used only for hauling water. The Chair recognized the Service Director, who stated that the truck's primary purpose will be to deliver water. However, a plow will be mounted on the front of the truck, and it will be used to clear snow on side streets and parking lots. It is not heavy-duty enough to plow on main roads. Mrs. Pyke asked how deliveries are arranged. The Service Director stated that the Water Dept. delivers on 24-hour notice. The delivery amount and price are set by ordinance. Mrs. Pyke stated that water delivery by truck is the functional equivalent of a water main, and is no less appropriate an expenditure than would be an actual water main.

The Chair asked if there is an employee designated to operate the water delivery truck. The Service Director stated a part-time employee is assigned to this. There are 34 to 39 customers who have used this service in the past. The Chair asked if customers will have the option to use providers other than the City. The Service Director stated that other providers are now servicing these residents, but they will likely return to the City once the City re-establishes its service.

The Chair recognized a member of the public, David Miller, 113 Portage Trail, who stated that the Ohio National Guard could provide this service as a training exercise.

The Chair recognized a member of the public, Todd Klusmann, 1911 Theiss Road, who stated that he and his wife were never informed that the City ceased providing water delivery service, and it took three phone calls before the City referred them to Alexander. Alexander then failed to respond to his daily calls for service, and after five days the owner of the company refused him any service. Later his wife obtained the service from an Alexander truck that happened to be delivering water next door.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked Mr. Klusmann if he had any problems when the City operated the service. Mr. Klusmann stated there were no problems when the City operated the service, and on the rare occasion when the City could not deliver in 24 hours, he would receive a call informing him of that.

The Chair recognized a member of the public, Mike Durkee, 1336 W. Bath Rd., who stated that the water delivery service is their pipeline. The private providers do not appear to care about providing this service. The truck should be a 2,000 gallon truck with a 3-inch diameter delivery hose and pump.

The Chair recognized a member of the public, Jeanne Bickett, 1500 Sand Hill Drive, who stated that the City's water service was dependable, and she received a call any time the service was delayed. She was not out of water for seven years. When forced to rely on Alexander, she ran out of water three times in the first month. Alexander was not dependable.

The Chair recognized a member of the public, Will Yoho, 1210 W. Bath Rd., who stated he appreciates the City's efforts to restore this service.

The Chair recognized a member of the public, Neil Sapienza, 1462 W. Bath Rd., who stated that the service from the City was consistent, with the ability to be on a regular delivery schedule. He has not been able to establish a regular schedule with the private providers. The convenience of paying through the City's utility billing office is desirable and the City's rates are significantly better than the private haulers.

The Chair recognized a member of the public, Mark Myers, 1324 & 1195 W. Bath Rd., who stated this is a service used by residents on a weekly basis. The nearest fire station does not have a tanker truck, and with no fire hydrants, the City's water delivery truck may also be needed and used to obtain water to fight a fire. This is an additional reason to pass the ordinance.

There was no opponent testimony.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-29 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Adjournment

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.



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Victor Pallotta, Chair



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Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council