

SERVICE COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

The July 20, 2026 Service Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Dale Rowe, Chairperson. Service Committee members present were Dale Rowe and Andy Voorheis. Kate Niederkohr was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Dave Schneider, Collections System Supervisor; Robert Waxlax, Louis Dreyfus Company; Adam Duddy, Waterworth (via zoom); John Walker; Stephanie Hessey; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$222,049.57 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mr. Rowe, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$222,049.57. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the July 6, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Robert Waxlax, head of Business Development with the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC), addressed the Service Committee regarding a proposed infrastructure improvement agreement. Service Committee members indicated that they have not had an opportunity to review the proposed agreement. Mr. Waxlax stated that he is available at any time to address questions regarding the proposed agreement.

Mr. Adam Duddy, Waterworth, joined the meeting via zoom noting that Waterworth works with over four hundred fifty (450) municipalities and provides a financial forecasting tool in relation to utilities provided by municipalities. Mr. Duddy reviewed two models for Wastewater based on revenue, operating expenses, budget, current debt, proposed future debt, and capital improvements. It was noted that the Shannon Hollow Lift Station Improvements Project is expected to be addressed in 2028. Mr. Voorheis inquired as to if income from the Louis Dreyfus Company for their wastewater has been factored into the models. Mr. Duddy stated that since the City's wastewater income from the Louis Dreyfus Company is unknown at this time that information is not included in the models. The models presented suggested a 12% increase in wastewater charges for residential and commercial customers in both 2027 and 2028, a 6% increase in 2029, and 3% annual increases beginning in 2030. Service Committee members agreed to further review the information provided and discuss this matter again at a future Service Committee meeting.

Mr. Schneider reported on the following:

- He worked repairing sink holes recently on South Eighth Street, Terrace Drive, and West Bigelow Street.
- A UV light sensor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will be replaced on Friday, July 24, 2026.
- Mr. Dave Ross, Wastewater Treatment Plant employee, has obtained his Class 3 Wastewater Treatment license. Mayor McColly indicated that the City is currently waiting on a response from the employees' labor union in regards to a pay raise for Mr. Ross.

Mayor McColly reported on the following:

- Representatives from the Louis Dreyfus Company have requested tours of the City's Water and Wastewater Treatment facilities. These tours are tentatively scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.
- A zoom meeting will be held with Ms. Cindy Brooks to discuss the Crawford waterline findings on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
- A meeting will be held with representatives from Sunbury, Ohio tomorrow, Tuesday, July 21, 2026, to gather information about their data center moratorium and townhall meetings being held.
- A preconstruction meeting will be held for the 2026 Street Maintenance Program on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Dale Rowe, Chairperson