



**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Sept. 18, 2018 | 6:30 p.m.

City of Powell Municipal Building Council Chambers | 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Councilmember Brian Lorenz, Jon Bennehoof, Brendan Newcomb and Melissa Riggins; Citizen Representatives Heather Gonzalez and Ryan Herchenroether; City Manager Steve Lutz, Assistant Director of Development Rocky Kambo, Communication Director Megan Canavan and other interested parties.

I. JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the June 19, 2018 Operations Committee Meeting were approved.

II. FIBER STUDY DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

Assistant Director of Development Rocky Kambo provided an overview of the fiber optic study. He discussed the first step would be installation for emergency services, the second step would be for businesses and the final step for installation would serve the residents. Many residents have been assisting Powell with the study.

The City received quotes from several companies to install fiber. It would cost approximately \$20-30 million to install fiber to residences. The City received a quote in the amount of \$82,000 from Consolidated Electric Cooperative to install fiber from the City's Municipal Building to the water tower which would achieve the first step for emergency and government services. Consolidated Electric Cooperative is working with Delaware County to install more fiber throughout the county. The City also could place wireless signals on top of the Municipal Building that would provide Internet for downtown businesses and would help in achieving the second step.

ACTION ITEM: Assistant Rocky Kambo will continue to work with Consolidated Electric Cooperative and Delaware County to determine next steps.

III. ELECTRIC SCOOTERS DISCUSSION

Electric scooters have recently become a popular discussion topic amongst local government officials as the use of scooters have increased. Two companies – Bird and Lime – are bringing electric scooters to cities. Currently, the City has a few ordinances in place that permit electric/motorized bicycles and vehicles on private property only but not public roadways, sidewalks or paths.

ACTION ITEM: Committee members will spend the next couple weeks considering how the City might enforce or update its ordinances regarding electric scooters.

IV. RUMPKE CONTRACT EXTENSION

The City will go out to bid for a new waste contract next fall. Residents will see a rate increase from Rumpke in 2019 based on the change of the CPI-U Index between Sept. 2017 and Sept. 2018. The City will receive the new rates in early November.

ACTION ITEM: The residents will receive notification of the new rates in early November. Councilmember Brian Lorenz recommended the City also remind residents of yard waste collection.

V. CONTRACTED LAW DIRECTOR PROPOSALS

The City goes out to bid every three years for law director services. The request for proposals was sent to 25 of the largest Central Ohio law firms and ads were placed in the Ohio Bar Association and Columbus Bar Association. The City received six proposals.

ACTION ITEM: A committee of a few City Council members will be formed to review the proposals and interview firms for law director services.

VI. ADDITIONAL SOCCER GOALS IN CITY PARKS

Councilmember Brendan Newcomb brought forward an idea to add soccer goals in City parks, specifically Village Green Park and Arbor Ridge Park.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee directed staff to check with the Olentangy Youth Athletic Association to see if they might be willing to purchase the goals.

VII. **PENDING**

A. 2018 Community Attitude Survey Results

B. DATA and COTA Transportation – The Delaware Area Transit Authority has released a community survey to evaluate how to continue to meet community transportation needs. The City will share the survey link through social media.

C. Lechler Building Improvements

D. Sawmill Road Traffic Evaluation and Recommendations

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.