MINUTES OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING May 14, 2012

The May 14, 2012 Utilities Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Spencer at 7:50 P.M. Present were Fred Berry, Jack Ferguson, Amy Michael, Bruce Ribelin, Frank Seman, Scott Rainone and Fran Ricciardi. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Joe Bica; Service Director, Kelly Engelhart; Finance Director, Kim Cecora; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Marc Resnik of 1102 East Riddle Avenue, Ravenna and Nick Dudek of 328 North Prospect Street, Ravenna.

Ms. Spencer said the first item on the agenda is to award the spring cleanup contract.

Ms. Engelhart said R & R was the only bidder for the specifications that were put out. It will go for two weeks. It started this week in Wards 2 and 4 and 1 and 3 next week. The 19th is the tire drop off. They just need approval to enter into the contract with R & R for the community cleanup. The cost is \$247.00 per ton and not to exceed four tons. He doesn't think they'll ever approach that amount. In the past they've gotten about two tons.

Mr. Seman asked if they will be doing shredding.

Ms. Engelhart responded in the affirmative noting shredding will be done on the 19th and the battery and tire drop off at the street garage as well as the mulch giveaway.

There being no questions or comments, it was decided by those present that a tracking sheet would be submitted for Finance Committee approval.

Ms. Spencer said the next item for discussion is the Direct Energy contract.

Ms. Engelhart said the gas aggregation contract was pulled from the last council meeting. The broker for the gas aggregation, Buckeye Energy, found that Direct Energy will be lower and they will be providing the contract as they go into Finance. They think the rates will be at least 80 cents less to go with Direct Energy.

There being no questions or comments, it was decided by those present that a tracking sheet would be submitted for Finance Committee approval.

Ms. Engelhart said she would like to every one know that they did hold the open houses at the plants this past weekend. They saw 131 people at the water plant and 110 at the wastewater plant. That was a very good response from the public. She thinks they were very interested in the processes and the infrastructure in both facilities. They were amazed at what things cost and how much it takes to actually run both facilities. The employees at those two plants in particular do not have the opportunity very often to interact with the public. It was a good opportunity for them to take the public on tours. They had all of the workers from both plants came to the open house and had an opportunity to take groups around.

Ms. Spencer said she appreciates Ms. Engelhart's hard work on this and it sounds like it was a great thing to do.

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Mr. Ribelin said it was neat to go through those plants. They have people coming to them all the time to appropriate money for equipment but to actually see some of the equipment in an operation, like in the sewer plant, they have the stainless apparatus. It was good to get the feedback from the personnel that it works really well.

Ms. Engelhart said that this is something they will try to do every year. She will be getting an actual cost. The biggest expense, obviously, was the overtime. It couldn't have been run without the personnel to take the people through the plants. She will get the actual cost back to them.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

ATTEST:	
Clerk of Council	Sharon Spencer, Chairperson
	Utilities Committee