

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION COMMITTEE – September 20, 2019

The Public Health and Sanitation Committee met on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order and the following members were:

Present: Chairperson Dave Miller, Greg Bladt & Sharon Kroger
(arrived at 12:29 p.m.)
Absent: None
Also Present: City Administrator Gene Gettys, City Clerk Jane Smith,
Mayor Mike Kolbe, Jeanna Rudolph, Troy Schaben, WWTP
Superintendent Steven Kenkel, Ken Weber and PFM
Representative Owen Gerard

It was moved by Bladt moved and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Any conflicts of interest are to be stated if and when applicable.

PFM Representative, Owen Gerard was present to review the City of Harlan's sewer cash flow analysis.

Discussion was held on raising base rates vs. usage rates. PFM recommended increasing the monthly sewer base fee by \$2.00; from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per month. It was moved by Bladt and seconded by Miller to make a recommendation to City Council to approve a \$2.00 per month sewer base fee increase, from \$8.00 to \$10.00. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee discussed developing an agreement with HMU regarding billing and collections, as well as a repayment proposal. The City and HMU staff will work on this together, to be approved by Council.

Developing a vaping policy for public buildings and properties was discussed. It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Bladt to make a recommendation to City Council to amend City Code, adding vapor products, including electronic cigarettes and devices, as well as alternative nicotine products. Vaping in public places will also be prohibited. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on laying hens (urban chickens) being allowed in city limits. It was moved by Miller and seconded by Bladt to make a recommendation to City Council to direct staff to draft a resolution along with a permit process regarding urban chickens and present to Council at an upcoming Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

“These minutes are as recorded by the City Clerk and are subject to Council approval at the next regular meeting.”