

McClure Engineering stated not enough rainfall had occurred during the testing period as restricting from gathering enough information to fully diagnose problems with the sewer system flow. McClure wants to come back later this fall and try to measure the flow once again, hoping for a one year rainfall event. At least 1.17 inches of rain per hour is needed for such an event. They will also smoke test lines in the older sections of town since the dry conditions have made this type of testing very effective. McClure confirmed that during a heavy rainfall there are as many as 20 locations where raw sewage can overflow. A plan was discussed to first work on the East side of the city using directed approach to eliminate troubled areas one at a time, rather than using a widespread approach which we have been doing.

Action by committee was to approve the contract modifications for extra work by McClure and to make the recommendation to the full council for the same.

A discussion about the meter opt-out office policy took place. We discussed concerns from those who had opted out and had 2 workers sent to their home to complete the opt-out switch, rather than 1 worker, and were billed for both workers. Carl Chandler felt that it is necessary have 2 workers there to prevent any "he said, she said" issues. Some in attendance noted that it wasn't their choice, but the cities to have the second worker there didn't feel two were warranted they should not be charged double. The committee decided that it is Carl's sole decision for the policy set for his department, but the committee would have a chance to review the opt-out application form. The committee agreed that the form should clearly state that two workers would be present during the opt-out meter switching.

A discussion about meter alternatives took place and the possibility of getting meters that are read through the internet, likely by broadband or fiber optics, should be review more closely. In case the internet is down, the meters would still have a back-up plan of being read by a touch pad meter. The discussion of sending a request for proposal to one or more companies that offer this type of service will be explored by the city administrator.

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