

**Village of Wellington
Council Special Session Minutes
Hans Schneider, Mayor**

Council: Mark Bughman, Helen Dronsfield, Gary Feron, Gene Hartman, Keith Rowland

Council Chambers

January 16, 2024

5:39 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Councilman Mark Bughman – Present

Council President Gene Hartman – Present

Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield – Present

Councilman Keith Rowland – Present

Councilman Gary Feron – Present

Others Present: Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Greever, Law Director Bond, Chief McPike, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Republic Rep. Darrell McCartney, Resident Pat Gott (left at 6:16 PM)

2. NEW BUSINESS

- **Executive Session** – Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to enter into executive session at 5:40 PM to consult with legal counsel concerning a dispute involving the Village that is the subject of pending or imminent court action. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Mayor Schneider called the meeting to order and requested roll call at 6:03 PM; all members were present. No decisions were made.
- **Solid Waste Extension Agreement – Republic** – Mr. Greever reported that the solid waste contract with Republic would end in February. He explained that they researched neighboring municipalities and found those who did a full bid on the open market caused rate spikes. They began negotiating with Republic, a 7 year contract, and secured a rate of \$20.38 per residential home (\$19.00 for seniors), secured weekly bulk trash pickup (6 items per week), and no gas surcharge adder. Darrell McCartney from Republic Services was in attendance; he reported on the reasons for the solid waste increases which included inflation and upcoming union contract negotiations. There was some discussion concerning large move out piles; large pile cleanup would be the expense of the homeowner's. Mr. McCartney reported that with the bulk trash pickup every week, it is easier to predict amounts. Mr. Greever requested suspending the rules for the contract renewal ordinance on the agenda this evening.
- **AMI** – Mr. Greever reported that the project was a very complicated process, with extra complications due to the O.R.C., and thanked Mr. Bond for his assistance. He explained that BOK Financial is an escrow company, and Government Capital is the lending company, and Eaton Corp. is the AMI provider. There was some discussion concerning town hall meetings for residents. Mr. Greever answered many questions from councilmembers concerning software support, warranties, and the vetting of meter installers. Mr. Hartman commented that the work surrounding this project was a monumental task, and thanked Mr. Greever, Mrs. Pfeiffer, Mr. Bond and the superintendents for their perseverance. There was some discussion about meter availability, and the length of time for the project completion. Mr. Greever asked council for a suspension of the rules for the ordinances pertaining to the project on tonight's agenda.

3. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 6:51 PM