



## **City Council Meeting – Sept. 6, 2022**

### **Council Questions & Staff Responses**

Before each Committee of the Whole or City Council meeting, questions that have been posed by the City Council relating to [the agenda](#) for that evening will be posted to the City's website. Below are the responses to this week's questions.

#### **Agenda Item 3. Public Hearings, Special Items and Presentations**

##### **c.) Presentations on Geneva Police and Firefighters' Pensions Actuarial Reports.**

*Q: Why were the reports not in the packet?*

A: This was an oversight. The packets have been reposted to the website, and the reports are contained therein.

#### **Agenda Item 7. Reports**

##### **a.) July 2022 Financial Report**

*Q: In fiscal year 2021-22, did the general rate class electrical customer pay \$0.347 per Kwh, or is this a typo?*

A: This was a typo, should have been \$0.1097. We apologize for the error.

#### **Agenda Item 10. Municipal Bills for Payment**

##### **a.) Buckeye Power Sales, \$5,275**

*Q: Why are there different invoices for similar amounts?*

A: This is for the annual preventative maintenance and load testing of generators located at various City facilities.

##### **b.) Rempe Sharpe, \$3,265.50**

*Q: What was the Dodson tower repair and when was this work performed?*

A: This invoice is for the professional engineering services for drafting the specifications and bid documents for the Dodson Tower repair. The proposed work that was bid consists of cleaning, repairing, and repainting the welds at the risers repair collar.

##### **c.) EZToyz, \$10,858.40**

*Q: Where was this equipment installed?*

A: This was a Tri-Com Central Dispatch expenditure with equipment being installed at Tri-Com.

**Agenda Item 12. Presentation of Ordinances, Resolutions, Petitions, Bids**

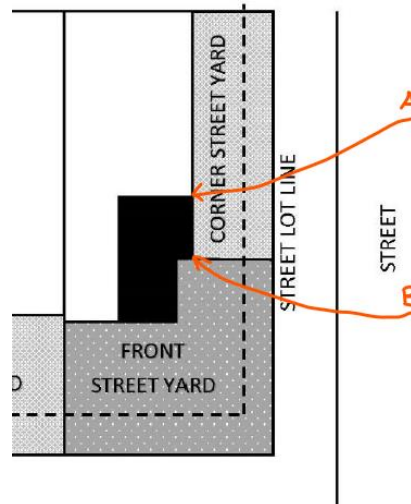
**a.) Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 2022-38 Amending Title 11 (Zoning), Section 11-2-2 (Definition of Words and Terms) Section 11-3-5 (Fences and Walls), and Chapter 15(Zoning Illustrations), All Related to the Regulation of Fences.**

*Q: Did the Planning & Zoning Commission have any discussion regarding the recommendation (diagram below) seems to go beyond what is necessary to achieve the desired goal of pool security?*

A: No.

*Q: What was their reasoning that led to not maintaining a "side yard" distinction for corner lots or limiting the "corner street yard" to the rear of the primary structure?*

A: The City does not differentiate between a front street yard and corner street yard. The proposed definitions attempt to define these areas in a manner that is easy to interpret and consistent with the City's existing definitions of yards. While Planning & Commission members did not address this issue specifically, their intentions were to make the ordinance less confusing and easier to interpret. Allowing the increased height up to the horizontal planes of the foundation of the principal building facing the front line is consistent with the existing regulation of fences in side yards.



**c.) Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2022-82 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with JLD Consulting Group, LLC.**

*Q: What benefits has the consultant provided?*

A: The consultant has advocated for the City's interest in various legislative items to ensure the City is represented and heard in Springfield. When the legislators are in session, the consultant is the "eyes and ears" of the City providing valuable updates and information. In addition, the consultant has assisted in making the appropriate connections with IDOT to ensure the East State Street reconstruction project continues to move forward in a timely manner and with appropriate funding. In short, the consultant provides access through relationships he has built (and being physically present), that the City likely could not do on its own. The extension

of the current agreement is to help ensure the outstanding issues in progress may be completed.