

- Working up on waterline in East Highland still. We have 500 and some feet to go and we will be tying that in together. Hopefully next week we will get the bacteria samples and get it flushed and then we can start the lateral tie in and 33 service lines that we need to hook up.

- Last week we did a job up there on Military and we did the tie in on Dresden. Our public notice was a lot of shut down area. One good thing about that was our tie in that we already did down on Linden Avenue to push that water up, we didn't lose a lot of those people where normally we would have lost them. They stayed in water. So the project is working. By the time we get that all connected together we should be in really good shape up there.

- This year we are going to do East Willow and Hilltop. We are going to bore new lines down through there. That is off of East Highland. We are trying to get an easement from a lady in the back that tied in together to make it circulating up there. It looks like it is going to happen. She is working with us.

- We had a big water break on Marion. I am sure Susan already got a claim on that. That is only 500 and some feet to replace that line so we are going to throw that in there this year also. So hopefully we won't have any more claims there because when it breaks there it causes a lot of damage.

- There is a tiny one I think it is Frances and we are working with David on that. We are going to try to circulate that too.

Mr. Bennett: Because Blue Avenue is coming with paving. We were going to get that little section done at Somers. When that blows up we would like to pave and not have it blow the new pavement up.

Mr. Mills: We have \$150,000 in our Water Main Replacement so I think that is going to cover pretty much everything.

- Our GIS is 80% done. It is coming. It was scheduled for two years and we are ahead of schedule on that so RCAP is going to be there with John on Thursday and when they come down he and John are in that room all day long drawing the lines, so we are getting that part done for our Pioneer Reservoir for our engineer on it so we can move forward on it.

- Heritage Water Tower is done. It looks good from out there by the Mall. Have you seen that? Putnam Water Tower they are supposed to be back here in April. They will get the outside painted. The inside is already done. Everything is done on the inside. They just have to do the outside, the ground work, and demolish the old one. I think they are saying around August it should be complete with the ground work and everything.

- We are getting two wells cleaned this year.

- We are moving on our meter for our web-based service.

Mr. Mills: I can't think of anything else. Are there any questions on anything?

Mr. Vincent: Could you expand a little more on the GIS as far as what is being done?

Mr. Mills: Yes, it is doing everything. It is doing hydrants, valves, water mains, curb stops; everything is on this GIS system.

Mr. Vincent: So that will help as far as the location.

Mr. Mills: Our crew leaders are actually already using it on their phones. They can go out and walk right up to that curb box that has already been located.

Mr. Vincent: So, no more continuous going out locating and painting to keep track of them?

Mr. Mills: Right. Our old maps right now you know you have measurements from one corner of the house to the other corner of the house and you come out to the curb box. We will just be able to go to that address and take our system and walk right up to that curb box. It is going to save a lot. Especially on our turn off days when you have 90 some turnoffs one day and you are trying to locate curb boxes for shut off and everything.

Mr. Vincent: So this is like GPS for coordinates to locate and go right to it?

Mr. Mills: Yes. Malcolm is working with us on that too. When we are done with RCAP and they are done with their project then Malcolm will be putting in points for us and going on from there.

Mr. Vincent: Then this is also useful for locating lines.

Mr. Mills: The main lines are not pin pointed yet. When we have a water break that is when we are going to have Malcolm come out when we have it dug up. We are here right now so we know exactly where that line is at the next time we come to it.

Mr. Vincent: So you get GPS coordinates each time you open it up to get to the line and keep adding data.

Mr. Mills: Each time we open up a hole they are going to get the information.

Mr. Vincent: So it will become more fine-tuned and more fine-tuned.

Mr. Bennett: This is going from paper copies and in two years we have advanced into engineering capabilities, savings, and it has been quite impressive.

Mr. Mills: Michael Kirsch, he retired from the Health Department, and he is the one who is working with RCAP on this and he has been keeping our guys moving. He keeps them hopping.

Mr. Bennett: What about the software for the metering between the billing office and the work orders?

Mr. Mills: This is the year we are going to be able to, after I think August, we may be able to purchase those meters where if we have trouble getting into the duplexes to pull a meter because of non-payment you can hit the button on the computer and it will shut that meter off. They are a little bit more expensive meters, but we are not going to put the whole city on them. We are just going to put them on our trouble areas. Ones where we are constantly, month after month, we are there trying to get in and get it turned off.

Mr. Vincent: So no more trouble with people parking over them so you cannot shut them off?

Mr. Mills: If that is one of our trouble things we will put a meter in there and when they are on that list just hit a button and turn them off. Or we can turn them back on when they make a payment.

Mr. Vincent: I know that happens a lot. It is incredible.

Mr. Bennett: There is desperation as part of that as they are struggling to preserve if they can because they may have kids there and those are all hard things. We recognize that.

Mr. Sharrer: I was going to say, with those new meters I know that I had brought up the possibility of again, I am always a guy that it depends on perception and how it is presented. I know I was able to talk to the Muskingum Area Real Estate Investors Association and that was one of the things we talked about. I said as landlords you may want to go down to see if you buy one of these meters and can you get it quicker.

Mr. Bennett: Yes, because they are responsible on the back side.

Mr. Sharrer: Exactly and so again it is how it is presented and I told them we were about \$96 or \$98 a piece. I said with the cellular technology we can turn it off at the touch and they were excited about that. So, you may get some landlords and some people that are interested in having those water meters replaced.

Mr. Mills: Believe me we got our business where we want them. It will save us a lot of time.

- We are also working with Enviro-Flow on our fire flow on our large meter testing and we just had a meeting with them on Monday. Anyway, he is about done with our top ten users and I will tell you what, there is one business that one meter is 20% low. So, they are going to have to replace that meter and their bill is going to go up. It is a good program that Jay got us started on we are going to give him ten more to go to and we are going to get ten more of them this year. It is working out real good. We will get some more revenue on that for sure.

- Everything else is going good. The guys are working hard. They are fixing water breaks as they come in. They are staying on top of things.

- We are going to get our valves and hydrants stocked back up this year. We have money in there for that.

- I appreciate everything the City has done for me. I really have. It has been good, but forty years is long enough. I just wish it was all forty years of PERS. Thirty of it is PERS. You can't have everything I guess. I remember starting as a senior in high school working weekends at the water plant. It seems like it wasn't too long ago. I am ready.

Mr. Bennett: It is a Civil Service position so we will be going through Civil Service, much like what we have done with Waste Water where you have a classification and certified licenses that you have to have so there is really no testing involved. What we do with the Civil Service Commission is do a structured interview. We have questions, we bring in outside people. For Wastewater we had outside people with Wastewater Operators or Superintendents come in as

part of a Technical Team and we will have a management leadership handle the interviews. They are scored. Those go to Civil Service then to make sure they pass by 70% and then they give us a list to choose from. We will be going through that process soon.

You will all get an invitation to a retirement party in June and we hope to see you.

Paul Mills: We have good people working in the Water Department. There are good supervisors. They know this system and it is very important that you keep people that know your system, because shutting off those valves as we have boundary valves in our system and if you get on one of those and you turn it then you are blowing up the downtown. There is just so much to know. We have good guys, we really do. We are blessed with that. We put good people in there.

Mr. Vincent: So, turning the wrong valve could cause a major nightmare?

Mr. Mills: Oh, yeah! Absolutely.

Mr. Bennett: What was it last summer you started seeing the Fairview Road tank empty? There was warning, warning, warning signals. Where are we losing water?

Mr. Mills: That call came in like two in the morning. They don't call me unless there is something wrong. The operator said Paul we are losing water. I got up and came in and we got all the guys to come in and we just started going around town. We knew it was somewhere. We finally got on a valve and Johnathan got on a valve out there by Sam's Club and he could hear it roaring and it ended up being behind Hobby Lobby. It broke behind them and I think it was their fire line.

Mr. Bennett: Our tank was dropping. They received an invoice and they paid it for the cost of the water.

Mr. Mills: I think by the time we got everybody in there it was like six o'clock a.m. when we found it. Everybody was right on it. We knew it was on the north end because of that tank, but we just didn't know where. I drove up by there, but I didn't go behind it. I was thinking I was up there probably an hour before we actually found it driving around that area looking. If I had driven behind there I would have seen it. It was flowing into a creek so it wasn't coming down the road.

Mr. Vincent: Nice work.

Mr. Sharrer: Yes, I just wanted for my own comfort level and I apologize I keep doing this, but revenue is down by \$500,000 compared to last year and expenses up \$1.25 million. I hope that is not a trend in the Water Operations Fund. It is going from just over six million to five point five million.

Ms. Heskett: Oh, honestly; if you look it is just the water charges. I could possibly have that estimated a little low. That is just as you have heard me say I am a conservative person.

Mr. Sharrer: I am good with that as long as...

Ms. Heskett: There is nothing foreseen. There is no reason that I have it there other than, like I said, just being conservative. Right now the fund is performing well. You will notice we have contingency that we didn't have last year. That is just me.

Paul Mills: Rhonda has done great with us. We have the money in our budget for the new dump trucks, but we are still trying to save in ways that we can. Maybe something better will come at the end of the year and we can get another pick up.

Ms. Heskett: Can I make a comment about that? I just wanted to say that all of our superintendents are such good stewards of the City's funds and that is a perfect example right there. We had two new dump trucks budgeted, but they went out and they worked with Billy and Vehicle Maintenance and all the superintendents work with him. They all work together very well and a better solution is let's get two trucks for the price of one. Now if something happens like a water break or something, we have appropriations there we can draw from or like Paul said when it gets closer to the end of the year and re-evaluate the situation and maybe a truck failed or something then we have funds available. I just wanted to throw out a little praise to the superintendents.

Paul Mills: I think it is the best thing for us to do.

Mr. Bennett: To know Paul, you recall a couple of years ago we aggregated all of our electric. We went out to bid because we can do that. So we aggregated lights, water, and wastewater, all of our power for our facilities in use. We aggregated and we got a great price locked in for five years. That has saved us hundreds of thousands of dollars across the different divisions. Paul continues to turn the pumps off at night because we have enough storage. He can draft that plant that saves us additional money as it cuts the electric bill way down. That is your super superintendent. That is what they do. They are creative.

Mr. Vincent: The challenge was losing the county customers we had. We prepared for that with the larger plant and then we lost the county as a large customer.

Mr. Bennett: They will be back.

Mr. Mills: At one time we were pumping close to seven million gallons a day. We are averaging around four million gallons a day now.

Mr. Sharrer: If you get those meters switched out and all of those

Mr. Mills: I think new meters in the city the revenue is going to go up. We have some old meters.

Mr. Sharrer: 20% on one customer.

Mr. Mills: One big customer. It is a big meter.

Mrs. Osborn: Just asking and I know you talked about it is a Civil Service position. Do you anticipate down time for his position? Will it be filled?

Mr. Bennett: No, we anticipate having someone with him the last couple of weeks. I asked Paul to pick a date so we could proceed. Not that I want him to go, but I have a lot of work to do to get someone hired.

Mr. Vincent: Looking long term as far as to pick your brain a little bit looking long term. I know years ago we talked about do we need to extend our well fields further north.

Mr. Mills: You know our well fields are in good shape. We are getting two wells cleaned each year. We are staying on top of that. We have twelve good wells. We usually are just pumping about seven of them on the average. Sometimes we use six, but mostly seven wells. As long as we keep them cleaned and rotate that every year I think we are in good shape. Actually we are going to do wells numbered ten and eleven this year. I just got the specs together today for that.

Mr. Vincent: We have twelve wells that we use.

Mr. Mills: We only use seven at a time. We alternate them.

Mr. Vincent: Then the wells that are constantly being pumped off those are not in that count?

Mr. Mills: No, no. they are not in that count. These are twelve active wells. There are two that pump off and will not be used for any water supply.

Mr. Bennett: We talked about there is one that some work was done and not completed.

Mr. Mills: Yes, I don't know, but Bobby Pletcher started that many, many years ago. I don't know why they stopped on that well, but that is something we could look into. It sets clear back behind Kidsville. It is not in use as they never finished it for some reason. I don't know. If we get ahead on money, we can look into it. Right now we have twelve good wells.

Mr. Vincent: If needed, we could open this other one up. Is there additional land if need be in the future?

Mr. Mills: That is something that would have to be worked out.

Mr. Vincent: I was just looking out long term and wanted to pick your brain before you are gone.

Mr. Bennett: Let's get more customers.

Mr. Mills: We definitely need that.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? Thank you again. We greatly appreciate your years of time and service.

Mr. Mills: I am sure we will see each other again before I leave. Thank you.

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Mr. Vincent: We appreciate you coming. Is life good?

Mr. Jeff Johnson: Thank you and very good. Thanks! Things are going pretty well in parks.

- We would love some more people. It is the smallest fund the City has which hurts when we hear from people we would love more amenities and those types of things. It used to be one of the biggest funds: Parks and Recreation. It is a tough decision. It competes with the big dogs like police, fire, and streets.

- We augment his work force with a lot of seasonal employees.

Mr. Sharrer asked what projects are on the board with parks this year?

- The first thing we would like to do is get Riverside softball diamonds back up in condition. There is a significant increase in Capital Outlay for this project.
- We need to put a new roof on a structure at Calvert Park. We did a few over the past couple of years.

Ms. Gildow asked if Jeff thought every park is used.

- His response was no.

- What suggestions on how they can be better used for legitimate activities.

- Jeff said he rides through the parks every day and I go weeks and weeks without even seeing people in them. You hear we need additional parks here and there and it doesn't seem like the ones we have are well used. Some of them are very nice. It is unfortunate and maybe if we put a designated area for texting or something they would be used more.

Mr. Bennett said Ms. Gildow is absolutely correct. You want kids in parks and I spent quite a bit of time recently with some folks who have a lot of perspective on that thought. You are talking about integrating technology with outdoor spaces to bring them together. There are some wonderful applications of using tech at designated points. Think about trails. What the park district is doing. Having designated places where you have a hotspot where somebody can hop on to visit a Zanesville app for what is going on in Zanesville and interactive use of Zanesville playground equipment.

Ms. Gildow said it seems like young people should be outside more.

Mr. Foreman said down the road, I am the President of the Park Society, and I would just like to say that moving forward we have a lot of opportunity to partner with the City. We are currently doing three major projects: McIntire Park: the Outdoor Learning Classroom. We have