

**UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
March 4, 2024, 3:30 PM**

**Attendance:**

**Board:** Councilman Ed Conley, Councilman Rob Rice, Councilwoman Dils

**Staff:** John Doyle, Tracey York, Jen Worth, Daniel Shelden, Joe York, Donnie Beal

**Visitors:** Steve Lynch, Jerry Brown

- **Call to Order** – Councilman Conley called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
- **Citizen Comments** – No citizens comments.
- **Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2024** – Councilwoman Dils made the motion to approve the meeting minutes and Councilman Rice seconded.
- **Diamond Maps** – Mr. Doyle presented to the committee the Diamond Maps System for the City of Waynesville. Diamond Maps is cloud based and designed for systems to track infrastructure with access to information anytime and anywhere, especially in the field. Along with the utility departments in the city, other departments to include Street and Parks have started implementing Diamond Maps. The next step would be for the public to have access to some of the features available in Diamond Maps.
- **Tantalus Meeting - Onsite** – Mr. Doyle stated that a Tantalus onsite installation and training was held with the electric and utility billing departments the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>. Tantalus systems will allow our customers and staff to troubleshoot high-bill problems by providing information about power consumption patterns, outage history and voltage information. Tantalus systems also can pinpoint the location of outages more quickly, meaning a faster response time.
- **Importance of “Time of Use” Metering** – Mr. Doyle presented the committee with a “Time of Use” graph to show the times of day that can save customers money when you concentrate your energy use within those periods and avoid peak hours. The city is in the process of installing Tantalus meters to integrate “Time of Use” metering.
- **Department Updates**
  - **Electric Department** – Mr. Shelden stated that the electric department had 1 power outage, 5 streetlights, 2 trees, 4 miscellaneous, 23 new services and 3-meter tests for the month of February. A few major highlights to include some major strides in the Tantalus meter change outs, training in Diamond Maps and with Mo One Call, and brush hogging of right of ways. Keeping up with daily dig rites and work orders. Mr. Shelden also reported the Customer Solar Generation Systems for 2023.
  - **Water/Sewer Department** – Mr. Beal stated that the water/sewer department installed 4 new services, repaired 5 service mains, 8 service line repairs, installed 800’ of water main, repaired hydrant Downtown and repaired 4 new yards. Keeping with the daily work orders and dig rites. Daily maintenance and operation of treatment plant.
  - **Natural Gas Department** – Mr. York stated that the natural gas department did annual valve and reg station checks, installed natural gas mains, 9 new services installed, and also completed annual cathodic protection checks. Keeping up with daily dig rites and work orders.
- **Other Business** –
  - **The Wall That Heals – May 16-19** – *The Wall That Heals*, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to Waynesville, MO on May 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Waynesville’s Roubidoux Park and will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public.
  - **Best Sapper Competition – April 19** – A portion of *The Best Sapper Competition* will be held in our City Park on April 19, 2024.
  - **Employee Appreciation Day – March 29** – City Hall will be open from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on Friday, March 29, 2024 for the annual Employee Appreciation Day luncheon. City Hall will reopen on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 8:00 am.

Mr. Doyle stated there was a need for closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.021 (1)(2)(3)(13)(18). Councilman Rice made a motion to enter closed session and Councilwoman Dils seconded. The motion passed and the committee entered closed session at 4:48 pm.

The committee returned to open session at 5:23 pm.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned by Chairman Conley at 5:23 pm.

*Next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2024, at 3:30 pm*