



CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL
CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

APPROVED 4-12-18

MEMBERS

Frank Laflamme, Chairman
Gary Labrie, Vice Chairman
Fred Krampits
Stan Walczak
William Zaskey

MINUTES
December 12, 2017

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Members Present Laflamme, Labrie, Krampits, Walczak

Members Absent Zaskey

Also Present Daniel Garvey (Associate City Solicitor), Ela Soja (Assistant to the DPW Superintendent)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

In compliance with the Open Meeting Law the Chairman asked if anyone in the audience was recording the meeting. Hearing none the meeting continued.

Claim #17-19

Susan E. Murphy, 98 Bell Street – Vehicle Damage - \$185.00

Cathy Murphy was present representing her mother Susan Murphy. She stated that her mother was driving home from church on June 11th down Springfield Street near Austin Street and there were several raised structures that were not marked and no sign indicating that there are raised structures. She didn't see them in time to get out of the way and clipped the side of her tire. The damage could not be repaired because the sidewall was punctured.

Ela Soja stated that Lane Construction was doing the resurfacing on Springfield Street in June. She continued that someone from Auditing called DPW in June to ask if work is being done on Springfield Street. Auditing was told that DPW was doing work on the street. Ela is still trying to figure out what happened with this miscommunication. Councilor Laflamme stated that he spoke with the Auditor and the notes in the file state that DPW was called and were told that DPW was

doing the work. It's up to the committee whether they want to pay this claim since the mistake was on the city's part when the claim was first filed.

Motion made by Councilor Walczak to pay \$185.00. Motion passed.

Claim #17-21

James E. McDonald, 40 Elizabeth Street – Vehicle Damage - \$300.00

James McDonald was present at the meeting stated that on May 30th approximately 10:30 at night he was getting onto the Mass Turnpike as he approached the intersection of Montgomery Street and Granby Road the area is very dark because the gas station was closed and their lights were off. As Mr. McDonald was making the turn onto Montgomery Street it was dark and he hit a pothole. There was no cone to warn of the large pothole. As soon as he hit it his right front tire popped. There was also damage to his rim. It blew his tire and it had to be replaced. He said that he called the Police to report the pothole.

Councilor Labrie said that there was a cone on the pothole the next day? Mr. McDonald responded that the cone was not on the pothole. It was on the curb. He continued that it remained like that for over a month.

Councilor Laflamme asked for the receipt that the damage has been repaired. Mr. McDonald stated that he hasn't had it repaired. He continued that the rim itself is damaged and will not balance. When he had the tire put on ...the rim will not balance out. He doesn't know what he will do. His car is not just the normal rim. It's a sport rim and there are not many of the GT versions of the Hyundai Elantra. Councilor Laflamme stated that the committee does not have a receipt for the tire.

Ela stated that according to See Click Fix which is used to record most of DPWs work orders. On May 31st the issue was reported and entered into the system. On June 1st it was corrected and on June 7th the actual issue was closed out which indicates that the pothole was filled.

Councilor Laflamme said that the issue he has is that there are no receipts for the repairs. He suggests that the committee motion to approve pending receiving receipt and for Sharyn to hold the money until receipts have been received.

Motion made by Councilor Labrie and second by Councilor Walczak to pay \$300.00 with the stipulation that the car owner provides the Auditing Department with the necessary receipts. Motion passed.

Minutes – April 10, 2017 & August 21, 2017 Motion made by Councilor Labrie and second by Councilor Krampits to approve both sets of minutes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.