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Utilities

FEBRUARY 24, 2025 5:55 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Sheila Niezgodski, Troy Warner, Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Dr. Oliver Davis, Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Firdia Johnson, Joseph Mayer

Other Council Present: Canneth Lee, Rachel Tomas Morgan, Karen White

Others Present: Bianca L. Tirado, Bob Palmer*, Matthew Neal*, Elivet Quijada- Navarro*

Agenda: Organizational Meeting

Members marked with an asterisk (*) are in virtual attendance.

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<https://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0&mediaid=391908>

Committee Chair Sherry Bolden-Simpson called to order the Utilities Organizational Meeting at 5:55 P.M.

Organizational Meeting

Committee Chair Bolden-Simpson read the Committee's charge, introduced citizen members Firdia Johnson and Joseph Mayer, and thanked those who applied. She asked that the 2024 annual reports of the Committee be sent to the members.

Committee Chair Bolden-Simpson reiterated the agenda of a previous joint meeting with the Information and Technology Committee, which aimed to increase the number of citizens on the Utility Assistant program. Although more citizens are eligible, a lack of knowledge on how to access such programs limits citizen participation. Encouragement was made for any citizen struggling to pay their utility bills to call 311 for assistance. Discussion about a previous presentation by Eric Horvath on upgrades to sewer pumping stations ended with a suggestion to arrange informative tours of new pumping stations and sewer upgrades. Committee Chair Bolden-Simpson then emphasized wanting to hear from Denise Riedl to set data-informed goals for the Committee.

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Committee Chair Bolden-Simpson entertained a motion to adjourn the Utilities Organizational Meeting, which was made by Citizen Member Joseph Mayer and seconded by Citizen Member Firdia Johnson.

With no further business, Committee Chair Bolden-Simpson adjourned the Utilities Organizational Meeting at 5:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Committee Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Bolden-Simpson".

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