

The Board of Aldermen met in special session at 5:00 P.M.

Aldermen Present: Connie Painter, Marvin Vilorio, Jason Osbourne, Dane Foster, and Melissa Hays
Alderman Absent: Jeremy Moss
Others Present: Andy Colombini, Jamie Colombini, Michael Williams, John Long (5:05 p.m.) and Jackie Pangborn

Attorney Williams stated that since the Mayor was not present yet and the Mayor Pro-Tem would not be able to attend the meeting, he suggested that someone be nominated to act as the mayor pro-tem for the purpose of this meeting. Alderman Vilorio nominated Alderman Painter; she advised that she would rather not. Alderman Foster motioned that Alderman Osbourne serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for this meeting; Alderman Hays seconded it with all in favor.

Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Osbourne called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osbourne advised that the purpose of the meeting was to address the water and utility bill situation with Andy and Jamie Colombini; he invited them up to the Council area. Mr. Colombini stated that he received a note on the door stating that there was a meeting; he didn't know if they were invited to the meeting or if the Council wanted them to come. Mr. Colombini stated that he called Ms. Pangborn and that she stated it was regarding their utility issues.

Attorney Williams stated that he wanted to get everyone on the same page after the last meeting; allow the Board to present their side and Mr. and Mrs. Colombini to present their side and then for the Board to decide on what the next step is. Attorney Williams stated that the last meeting was a little rough and this is an opportunity to get a clean slate and everyone on the same page.

Mr. Colombini asked where they stood with the bill.

Alderman Painter advised that she wanted to clear something up with regards to the paper stating that the water was the issue; she further stated that the water wasn't included in the amount at this time. Mr. Colombini stated that it was half of the bill and Alderman Painter stated the money being requested was just electric, gas and sanitation; but the overall bill did include the water and sewer. Attorney Williams stated that the water and sewer going back to the beginning of 2019 is not a portion of what is asked to be paid right now. Mr. Colombini stated that over half of the bill is water and sewer from January 1st and that is the overall bill – if the water and sewer is taken off then the total bill is around \$2000. Mr. Colombini further stated that no one here is on the same page. Alderman Foster stated that is why this meeting was called. Mrs. Colombini stated that they have different spreadsheets and if you add up everything there is a \$400 discrepancy between the two sheets. Alderman Painter mentioned that it was probably the penalties. Mr. Colombini stated that it was simple math and if you go

back to 2014 when there was a zero balance there is a \$400 difference. Mr. Colombini further stated that there are three different people trying to do one person's job and you get three different answers.

Attorney Williams asked Mr. Colombini if the water is removed and the payments are removed what is the balance and Mr. Colombini stated around \$400. Mr. Colombini stated that if you go further down in the bill and do an adjustment on the water to their average usage then it would reduce the bill an additional \$1500. He stated that he talked with Paul at Badger Meter and he advised Mr. Colombini that there was no way they could use that much water unless they had a pool. Attorney Williams advised that the high water bills were on hold until the water meter testing results are received – that was stated at the last meeting. Once the results are received, Mr. and Mrs. Colombini will be advised of the findings and those issues will be addressed at that time. Mr. Colombini stated that he knows they are trying to do a job and he appreciated the Council's time. He stated that the "talk" in the community is that there is no communication and it makes the City look bad and he hopes that the Council understands that. Alderman Painter feels that the Council is making positive changes.

Mrs. Colombini questioned what type of payment plan would be available to them. She advised that they were on budget billing and that she would send Mr. Colombini up with \$350 or \$400 every month and that she advised Mr. Colombini to not sign a plan that they couldn't afford. She further stated that they made a plan for \$350 and it was all signed and then Ms. Pangborn provided them with a letter advising them that the \$350 wouldn't work which Mrs. Colombini stated that she didn't receive. It was further questioned as to who is writing letters, who is doing the job, who is sending the notices, and he brought the water issue to Mrs. Arch's attention as soon as the bill skyrocketed. It was questioned when Mr. Colombini would be able to pay the \$397 and he stated on June 3rd. Alderman Painter stated that on the proposed letter it stated that it would be due May 24th; Attorney Williams stated that was just a tentative date. It was also stated that there is still the utility bill for April that is due on May 28th; Mr. Colombini stated that it was included in the payments that they have set up; Attorney Williams and Mr. Colombini reviewed the billings.

After discussion, Attorney Williams stated that on the printout provided, period 1 is the April bill that is due May 28th; period 2 was the March 31st bill that was due April 25th and extended to May 10th; period 3 was for the February 28th billing and was due March 25th and extended to April 12th. The \$397.06 is just for the electric, gas, sanitation charges and taxes and penalties from period 2.

Mr. Colombini stated that he can't pay until June 3, 2019. Attorney Williams stated that his role is just an advisory role and it is up to the Board to decide when to accept the payment. If the Council decides that they want to hold off on all the water charges and handle those at once or if they want them to pay the complete April bill. If the Board wishes to hold on all water charges, then they will owe \$397.06 on June 3rd, and \$270.66 later. It was stated that after May 28th there will be a 5% penalty as well as a \$10 promise to pay fee to extend the \$207.66 to June 14th.

Alderman Hays stated that she felt that waiting until June 3rd would work; due diligence should have been taken and we didn't do that. We need to stick to our guns and policies and since Mr. Colombini has paid so much, it is very taxing on a family to do that all at once. She further stated that we can allow until the June 3rd for \$397.06 and then the extension and hash out the water and sewer when it comes up. Attorney Williams stated that a motion needs to be made and a vote taken to see where it falls; a letter will go out tomorrow stating those items.

Alderman Hays motioned to allow Mr. and Mrs. Colombini to extend their payment due date to June 3, 2019 for \$397.06; pay a \$10 promise to pay fee by May 28, 2019; \$270.66 on June 14th and the water and sewer to be reviewed once the water meter test results are back; Alderman Osbourne seconded it with Aldermen Hays, Osbourne and Foster in favor and Aldermen Painter and Vioria opposed; motion passes. It was advised that Mr. and Mrs. Colombini will need to pay the \$10 promise to pay fee as soon as possible.

There being no additional business to discuss, Alderman Foster motioned to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Hays seconded it with all in favor. The meeting ended at 5:30 p.m.

John Long, Mayor

Christine Ellison, City Clerk