

Utility Committee – March 6, 2013

In attendance – Daryn Hamilton, Tony Hammes, Jessica Ledger-Kalen, Kevin Flanagan, Tracy Vance (FEDA), John Meyer, Dave Fredericks, Melanie Carlson (French-Reneker), Allen Cobb, Dave Bowen, Ellen Bowen, Carl Chandler, Shawn Worley, Darrel Bisgard, Patrick White and Paul Glossop

1.) N. 4th Street Sewer Taps

An illegal sewer line tap was discovered connected to the storm sewer system on the north side of Dave's Plumbing and Heating location along Depot Street. This discovery was made when Mr. White had experienced problems with his sewer line from the new restaurant location he has chosen. He spoke with Mr. Bisgard about how and where his sewer line connected to the sewer main. It was determined that his sewer line was part of a common connection used by himself, Mr. Glossop, and Mr. Bowen. (See attached drawing provided by Mr. Glossop) Mr. White had Roto-Rooter come and try to clear the line, but it was determined that the location of the obstruction was beyond the reach of their equipment. This placed the obstruction somewhere under Mr. Glossop's property. The three property owner's began discussion of creating an easement to allow a new sewer line to be constructed along the rear property line of Mr. White's and Mr. Bowen's property and through Mr. Glossop's property as it extends further to the east than the others. Mr. Glossop spoke to the committee hypothetically that the city should be responsible for construction of a new sewer line running north or south in 4th Street and have the city pay for the cost of new individual taps to the buildings. It was pointed out that city code Chapter 13 specifically states that the existing taps from properties are the responsibility of the property owners. Mr. Glossop further asked the committee if they would designate his buildings as ware houses and eliminate the need for any sewer connection as he had no funds available to purchase easements or make the repairs. The committee didn't accept this as a viable option as it would not give any relief to Mr. White. The committee decided that this is a civil matter to be worked out by the individual property owners and recommend to the council that this matter not be revisited. (See attached letter provided by Mr. Worley)

2.) Wells within the city

The individual asking to install a well on their property for the purpose of watering lawn or gardens did not attend this meeting. The committee discussed that city code currently prohibits wells to be installed within city limits. Mr. Chandler (Water Superintendent) commented that the city offers installation of a second water meter on a property to allow for watering systems without the additional billing for use of sewer. The committee denied the request and recommend to the council that all further requests for wells be denied.

3.) Sewer tap repair fees

The committee was asked to consider a standard repair fee for correction of sewer connection to be found in disrepair or illegal in nature as found with the televising and cleaning program from 2007 through 2009. This work will need to be completed as part of the overall inflow and infiltration (I&I) program to halt sewer overflows of the cities sanitary sewer system. Current city code states that it is the property owner's responsibility to repair these connections and Mr. Worley and Mr. Bisgard would like a fee of \$1,850 to be incorporated into city's code chapter 14 for the city, or its contractor, to perform this work. Mr. Flanagan advised the committee that the city should not enter into the business of private sewer work for our residents'. He suggest that with this type of work becoming more frequent over the next 5 years that an endowment type fund be created by the city to assist home owners to pay licensed and bonded private

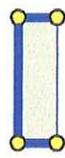
contractors for the needed work. The committee will look into how this fund will be vested and administered at a future meeting. No council action is needed at this time.

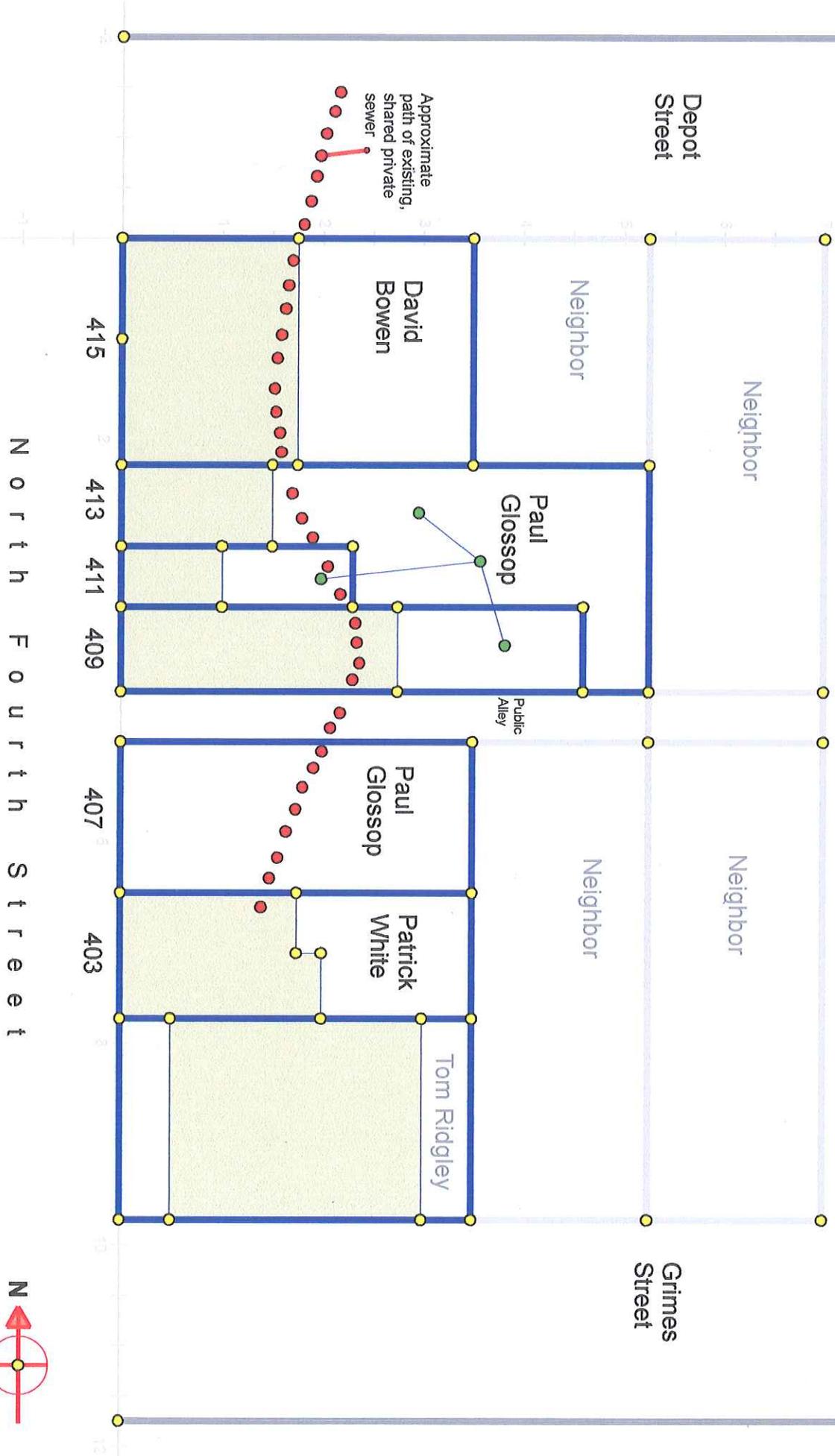
4.) French-Reneker/McClure Engineering update to the committee

Mr. Meyer addressed the committee covering future plant and conveyance work that will need to be completed to the city's sanitary sewer system to bring us into compliance with the DNR mandate that the city has agreed to. French-Reneker will work with the design of the conveyance system (new sewer lines, repair and lining). McClure Engineering will develop the design for upgrades and repairs needed at the treatment plant. McClure will also prepare a comprehensive rate study of water and sewer billing to determine if there is capability to secure the necessary funding for the completion of all repairs needed. No action is needed from the council at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Daryn J. Hamilton, Utility Committee Chair

For City of Fairfield Water & Sewer Sub-committee meeting: March 6th, 2013.
 Diagram prepared by Paul Glossop 641.233.1441

-  Blue Lines mark pertinent lot boundaries
-  Grey-green fill marks built areas of lot



January 22, 2013

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RE: 409, 411 & 413 N 4th Street

Mr. Glossop,

The City of Fairfield has determined that the sanitary sewers deposit into the storm water system at the above listed addresses which is unlawful. According to the Fairfield Municipal Code 13.04.030 a person may not permit sanitary sewer discharge into the storm water system and it also states that each building must be directly connected to the sanitary sewer main. We realize that this is an unforeseen inconvenience; however this situation will need to be rectified. This is ultimately the property owner's responsibility.

Please contact us within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. We would like to set up a timeline with you so that this issue may be resolved as soon as possible.

You can contact the Public Works Director at 641-472-4750 with any questions concerning this matter. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Shawn Worley

Wastewater Superintendent
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